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'HALF-BAKED' JIBE ON OPEN JAIL BID

Report by Alex Homer

PLANS for part of an under-performing Featherstone prison to be turned into an open jail have been dubbed 'half-baked' by an MP.

The move at HMP Oakwood in Featherstone, will see some prisoners regularly allowed out into the community.

The revelation comes a week after the Ministry of Justice said the prison's performance was 'of serious concern'.

Under the changes category D prisoners, considered the lowest risk and unlikely to escape, will be given more freedom.

Worry

They are currently being held at the jail but dealt with as category C prisoners who are not afforded the same privileges.

John McLaughlin, the director of the Oaks Drive jail, which is run by private firm G4S, said: "We have around 150 category D prisoners at the moment but we are a category C prison. We are about a month away from having a category D wing established.

"When space becomes available in other prisons, category D prisoners will move elsewhere. There are no safety issues here.

"We are not putting anyone at risk. We've done huge risk assessments."

But Gavin Williamson, Tory MP for South Staffordshire, called the move 'half-baked' and said: "Until they can run Oakwood as it is, I don't think they should have an open prison.

"I'm disgusted at this proposal. It is a half-baked idea.

HMP Oakwood

"I will be speaking to the Prisons Minister about this. At the very least I would have expected to be involved in a consultation. Frankly though they should be more concerned about the job in hand, making the prison better."

Featherstone parish councillor John Brindle added: "They have not consulted in the village, with the parish, district or county councils. They ought to have done consultation.

"This kind of thing makes people worry it will de-value their houses. It now looks as good as done though."

The Government said it had serious concerns at Oakwood partly as a result of the findings of an unannounced inspection of the jail in June.

Bosses have vowed to 'turn around' the site and said work is already being carried out to improve performance.

Church books in for heritage days

Looking forward to the Heritage Open Days is warden Mike Shelly-Smith at St Leonard's Church, Bilston

AN historic church will be among sites across Wolverhampton which will be opened to the public during a national celebration that is expected to attract thousands of visitors.

The Heritage Open Days scheme returns in September with a four-day programme packed full of guided tours and expert talks.

Among the buildings being opened to the public is the medieval tower at St Leonard's Church in Bilston.

The building has undergone a number of renovations over the years but some of the historic features of the brickwork and structure are still intact.

The Rev Dave Wills said: "There has been a church on this land since Norman times in the 1100s, though not in this form.

"We hope to get plenty of people along to take an interest in the heritage of the church."

Visitors will be led on the tour by local historian Remi Hodister.

Free activities on offer across the city include guided tours of Banks's Brewery, the City Archives, Grand Theatre, Lighthouse Cinema, Tettenhall College, Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Barnhurst Sewage Works.

Mr Shelly-Smith climbs the medieval tower at the church

Heritage Open Days runs from September 12 to 15. To reserve places, visit **www.eventbrite.co.uk**

Decisions due on the control of new hubs

DISCUSSIONS are now under way over who will manage controversial community hubs being created in Wolverhampton.

Talks are also taking place about whether some services will need to be temporarily relocated while building work takes place.

Seven hubs are being created under the first phase of the multi-million pound scheme. The move will see library services and community centres brought under one roof and is expected to save £1 million in utilities and staff bills.

Protect

Work is due to start in September on the first hub in Ashmore Park, which has just got planning permission.

The community hubs are being developed in phases across the city and are due to open their doors next year.

But talks must first take place about who will manage each hub, run the buildings and decide what timetables will be offered there.

Councillor Elias Mattu, cabinet member for leisure and communities, said: "The community hubs are being developed to protect our library, community and youth services in the face of swingeing Government cuts.

Gallery £14k for play days

A GALLERY in Biston has won a £14,000 grant to fund its work with young children and their families.

Bilston Craft Gallery's play programme for children aged up to seven has been awarded the money by the Happy Museums Project.

It will pay for a new scheme inspired by the gallery's community garden which will involve children from local nurseries.

Jack Shuttleworth, Craftplay co-ordinator, said: "Our children's creative learning sessions will be even better."

Flats plan for pub in fatal shooting

A PUB where a father of two was shot dead will be transformed into shops and flats.

The Bagot Arms, in Newhampton Road West, Wolverhampton, has been at the centre of a number of incidents linked to gangs.

But under the plans, the empty pub will be turned into a complex of nine shop units, including a cafe or restaurant.

In 2008, 26-year-old father-of-two Luke Harris was shot dead by a gunman firing a revolver inside the crowded pub.

Security

It prompted police calls for the pub to close, but council chiefs allowed it to remain open with added security at the premises and earlier closing times.

Since then, there was an incident in 2012 in which police said gunshots may have been fired during a fight on the car park after the pub had closed down.

The pub closed in 2011 and since then there have been calls for the site to be brought back into use.

The proposals for the site, which have been put forward by Poplars Properties, were welcomed by St Peter's ward councillor and Wolverhampton City Council leader Roger Lawrence.

Reprieve for Hippodrome

THE Dudley Hippodrome building has been given a stay of execution, to the delight of campaigners.

Councillors had been due to set a demolition date for the iconic building during a meeting on Monday night.

But they deferred making a final decision until they have more information about what the campaigners propose it could be used for in future.

The result was greeted with jubilation from members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group.

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'Outstanding' schools are downgraded

THREE 'outstanding' schools – including one in Wolverhampton – have been downgraded by Ofsted since new inspections with a greater focus on teaching were introduced.

One of the schools, Moreton Community School in Bushbury, was demoted from Ofsted's top rating to its third, 'requires improvement'. Another two – Windsor High School in Halesowen and St Francis of Assisi Catholic Technology College in Aldridge – dropped from outstanding to good.

It comes after major changes to inspections. Schools were warned when the regime changed they were unlikely to retain the top ranking unless their teaching and learning was considered excellent.

New figures published by Ofsted show that since last September, when the changes came into force, 155 schools have been inspected that were rated as outstanding overall, but were less than outstanding for the quality of their teaching. Of these, 91 have now had their overall ranking downgraded to good, 18 were found to require improvement and two were declared inadequate.

Moreton Community School in Old Fallings Lane is among the 18 relegated to the third tier of Ofsted's four-point scale.

Nationally around 28 per cent, or 44 schools, retained their outstanding rating. Ofsted said the latest framework for inspections meant that teaching was central to the rating of the school, which was more representative of what parents expect when they hear ratings.

Canal search for clues after death of woman

A CANAL in Wolverhampton has been searched as police attempt to piece together the final moments of a woman who drowned in the water.

Her body was found in the Broad Street canal basin in the early hours of July 24 since then police have made several appeals to identify her.

Woman now identified

Officers now know who she is after relatives came forward. But despite the identification police officers were down at the waterside of the Old Main Lane canal hunting for more information about the woman.

A specialist search team waded through a stretch on the canal near to Wednesfield Road.

A six-strong team wearing special dry suits combed the area for any items belonging to the woman, or clues which may have suggested what happened before her death.

Ring

Detective Sergeant Carl Russell, from West Midland Police's Force CID, thanked the public for help given in the two-week search to identify the woman. Police said the woman's death was not being treated as suspicious.

She had been discovered by passers-by who were walking by the canal at 5.45am on July 24.

During the bid to identify her an artist impression of the woman, who was wearing a wedding and engagement ring when she died, was released by police.

Officers viewed CCTV and spoke to a number of people who were in the area at the time as part of their inquiries.

She was identified after her children, who live in Hemel Hempstead, alerted a cousin in Wolverhampton after they became concerned that they were unable to contact their mother.

Police search Broad Street Basin for clues after a woman was found drowned

New £100m council deal for Carillion

CARILLION has sealed a 10-year deal with Stockport Council expected to be worth more than £100 million.

The Wolverhampton construction giant will manage all of Stockport Council's property services, including its schools and academy buildings, working alongside property firm CBRE.

While the contract is initially expected to be worth £100 million, Carillion says there is potential 'for this to grow significantly'.

The joint venture will be called Stockport Strategic Property Partnership and is intended to save the council money while maintaining high quality services.

Carillion, which employs 750 people at its city centre HQ in Birch Street and at Staffordshire House on Wolverhampton ring road.

Wolvestock fee hit our trade, say shopkeepers

TRADERS said they had been hit by a dip in takings during the annual Wolvestock festival, amid claims the number of visitors to the annual attraction in Wolverhampton had dropped.

Some businesses around Wolverhampton's East Park blamed the new £6 charge introduced to get into the country music festival.

Shopkeepers in the area around East Park say they usually enjoy a boost in trade during the two-day event, as crowds of revellers stock up on food and drink. But this year, some have claimed takings were down by as much as 50 per cent compared to previous years.

Ranjit Singh, shopkeeper at Premier in Willenhall Road, said: "Trade was a lot better last year. Nobody was happy that they were charging £6 for entry when it was free last year, and I think this lost everyone in the area a lot of trade."

Ashivn Patel, owner of East Park News, in Hollington Road, said he had a 'fairly decent trade' but it was not as good as last year.

Camping

"A lot of customers coming in my shop weren't happy with the £6 charge for the event and said it was too expensive," he said.

"I went down on the Sunday and it seemed very quiet. Most of the crowd were camping, whereas there were a lot more coming up just for the day last year."

It has also been claimed attendances at the recent event was made up of people who had travelled from further afield.

Libraries to block payday loan sites

PAYDAY loan websites are to be blocked from council-run computers in Wolverhampton.

The move means the websites of scores of loan firms will no longer be able to be accessed on computers at the city's 15 libraries.

Council chiefs also said they are looking at other steps which could be taken to stop people accessing information about the companies, including restricting advertising.

Critics say the firms charge high amounts of interest on loans.

Doubled

Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "The city council has agreed to block access to payday lenders' websites through council-owned computer terminals and are also looking at other steps that we may be able to take, such as restricting advertising.

"The soaring cost of living has provided easy prey for these firms, whose total annual lending has more than doubled from £900 million in 2008 to £2bn.

"These lenders are justifiably being criticised heavily for irresponsible lending.

More time to have a say on crematorium

THE public has been given more time to have its say on plans for a new crematorium for Essington.

South Staffordshire Council has dubbed its plans to dispose of land in Essington, to be turned into a crematorium as a key decision, so further talks will be held at the authority's overview and scrutiny committee on September 17.

It means a consultation, which had been due to close has been extended. People now have until August 15 to submit their thoughts, for the September meeting.

The decision concerns land off Broad Lane, jointly owned by South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council. Under the plans the land could be leased to the Westerleigh Group with a view to building a crematorium. Feedback can be submitted in writing, or via consultations@sstaffs.gov.uk

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Rates cut plea for shops hit by works

BUSINESS rates should be suspended for traders suffering due to long-running roadworks on a busy route in Wolverhampton, an MP has claimed.

Calls have been made for help to be given to shopkeepers affected by work along the A449 Stafford Road at the Vine Island.

Emma Reynolds MP has approached Wolverhampton City Council over the idea. She says many businesses along Stafford Road between junction two of the M54 and the Vine Island had reported a drop in footfall since the work started.

Cope

The £3m roadworks scheme is being carried out to create a new layout at the Vine Island to help cope with growing traffic and in anticipation of more cars using the route for the i54.

Miss Reynolds, for Wolverhampton North East, said she had been to visit some of the businesses along the route, where a 20 mph speed limit is in place.

She has now written to Wolverhampton City Council to ask them to consider introducing business rate relief for the period of the roadworks.

Get on board for challenge at Monopoly

MONOPOLY players are invited to pit their wits against each other when Wolverhampton hosts its inaugural Monopoly championships later this year.

The city will get its first ever Monopoly board in October and the competition will be held a month later on the new Wolverhampton board.

And the event will also see Monopoly expert Dan Taylor play 10 games against 10 different players simultaneously, in what the board-game makers are saying will be a world first.

The Wulfrun Centre will play host to the event on November 1. Anyone aged eight or over can enter and prizes will include a signed copy of the very first Wolverhampton Monopoly board to have been printed.

Players should email wolverhampton@winningmoves.co.ukbefore September 30.

Crunch talks held over revamp for city school

CRUNCH talks are being held with campaigners over the controversial multi-million-pound revamp of a Wolverhampton school which was given the go-ahead despite concerns over parking and noise.

Heath Park Academy, in Prestwood Road, Heath Town, is being refurbished under the £270 million Building Schools for the Future scheme which will see every secondary school in the city refurbished or rebuilt.

The revamp will see the entire site demolished and replaced with a new three-storey building, to take the pupil roll up from 1,180 to 3,000.

The original designs were labelled 'appalling' by members of the council's planning committee but the scheme was later approved after new proposals were drawn up. However now planners are meeting with locals to discuss their concerns and see if any changes can be made to the proposals to tackle potential parking problems.

Difference

Drop-off parking bays could be introduced after the idea was raised by ward councillor and city mayor Milkinder Jaspal. He said: "We want to see further improvements, even though planning permission has been granted.

"I have made proposals to the school that do not need to be approved by the planning committee but which would make a difference to residents.It looks like this could be implemented as the idea was welcomed. Everyone needs to continue to keep making the council and the school aware of the issues and potential problems in the area that the school would cause."

Councillor Jaspal said the designs did not properly take into account existing parking problems at the school. He had previously suggested at least two entrances would be needed to ease the problem, though this was not included in the final designs.

To make way for the development, about 80 per cent of the buildings, dating from the late Victorian and Edwardian period would be removed.

Sprinklers save factory after arsonists strike

DISASTER was narrowly averted when sprinklers helped douse a large fire in an empty Wolverhampton factory.

by Tim Spiers

Arsonists struck at BRM Packaging overnight when they set fire to materials inside including wood, cardboard and plastics.

Twelve fire crews from across the Black Country descended on the disused building in Lower Walsall Street at around 10.45pm on Sunday.

Around 25 per cent of the building was on fire and firefighters remained on the scene for five hours. BRM Packaging went into liquidation last month and there was no-one on the premises at the time.

It is believed arsonists set fire to several blocks of materials in the building before leaving the scene.

Secure

However, crews said the building's sprinkler system, which was still activated despite the business closing down, put out most of the fire.

The single-storey building was full of smoke and after fully extinguishing the fire, firefighters scoured the area to ensure that the building was secure.

The fire was contained within the concrete building, with just the materials inside set alight. As well as the fire service and police, Network Rail also attended the scene as the building is near to the train line which runs into the city centre.

Watch commander David Nail, of Wolverhampton Fire Station, said: "There is still a sprinkler system in the building and it virtually put out the fire. It's mostly plastics and cardboard which was alight.

"We've spent time checking that it's all out properly but the sprinkler did a good job.

"As it's a brick and concrete building, the building hasn't really been affected."

The entire site is 90,000 sq ft large and BRM moved there from High Wycombe in 1994.

The company was originally established in 1971 and is accredited with introducing the 'slide blister' type of packaging to the UK.

It won numerous awards while it was still operating. The company worked with household names including Jaguar, Homebase, B&Q, De Beers and Unilever.

Jackets ban on park confusion

HIGH-VISIBILITY jackets have been banned from Wolverhampton's West Park whenever an event takes place – to stop visitors becoming confused. Wolverhampton City Council has been putting up posters amid concerns that if builders or other people wear fluorescent jackets they will be mistaken for officials and stewards.

Signs are put up ahead of and during events such as the annual City Show. The ban is not enforced other than when special events are being hosted in the park.

Serving up fun activities for young

Playscheme organiser Fran Oliver, right, with, left, Flynn Kilford, aged 12, Levi Brown, 10, and Lia Roberts, 11

A SUMMER playscheme at a Wolverhampton school has proved popular with youngsters.

Sessions have been taking place at Heath Park School in Wolverhampton since the end of last month.

On one day alone, almost 200 youngsters turned up at the site in Prestwood Road, Wednesfield, to take part in activities.

Sporting sessions have been held along with craft events. Organiser Fran Oliver said there has been lots going on to keep children entertained, and she added: "It's been a really popular event, and we've had a great attendance.

"I think it's very good for the area, and the fact that we offer such a wide range of activities and cater for most age groups has helped the scheme to be a success. We've got professional football coaches here and we are also offering tennis coaching, as well as arts and crafts, street dancing, cheerleading and everything else in between."

Youngsters between the ages of eight and 18 have been taking part in the sessions which have been free to attend.

NEWS in brief

Bench tribute to sportsman

A MEMORIAL bench is to be installed at a golf club where a popular former footballer used to play.

Striker Mark Malcolm, nicknamed Marcus, who grew up in Bushbury, played for clubs in Cannock in Walsall.

He represented Hednesford Town FC from 1989 to 1993 and also spent time at Willenhall Town and Chasetown. He died of heart failure at his home on Yale Road, Willenhall, aged 51, in April.

He was also a keen golfer and played a round on the day before he died. He was a member at Bloxwich Golf Club, where and a memorial bench is to be installed.

Owner told to clear up land

THE owner of a piece of overgrown private land in Wolverhampton has been ordered to tidy it up by city planning council chiefs.

Enforcement officers served a section 215 notice on the owner of land at the corner of Woodside, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield over overgrown grass and bags of rubbish left there.

The owners have until September 22 to clean it up or face prosecution. It comes after residents made a series of complaints to Wednesfield North ward councillor Phil Bateman.

Relatives sought after two deaths

WOLVERHAMPTON City Council is trying to contact the families of two people who have died so that their funerals can be arranged.

Jean Elizabeth Hughes was born in Birmingham but had lived in the Penn Fields for some time. She died recently at the age of 55. Anyone relatedshould call 01902 555394.

Brian Peter Brassington, otherwise known as Peter Brassington, lived in The Scotlands and died on June 21, aged 76. Relatives should call 01902 555740.

Trio planning a school reunion

THREE ex-pupils of Bilston Girls High School are holding a reunion on September 15 after all turning 60 this year.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

CANCEL Armageddon. It seems all those dire warnings about bees and butterflies dying out and crops failing through lack of pollination may have been exaggerated. A few hot, sunny weeks have seen a startling rise in the number of insects, with some bee-keepers claiming their hive colonies are back to normal. Watch out for a sudden change in the headlines over the coming weeks as our attitudes shift:

***Bees and butterflies booming - official**
***Enough bees – now buzz off!**
***Clouds of butterflies ruin royal christening**
***Miliband demands action on killer cabbage whites**
***Mad moths bit my baby**
Remember, you read it here first.

THE third SAS recruit struck down with heatstroke on the Brecon Beacons last month has died and still some armchair generals thunder on about the need to train special forces to the limits. If this triple tragedy had happened to SAS soldiers on patrol in Afghanistan, heads would roll. That it happened in full view of the public on a mountain in the UK is beyond belief, and beyond excuses.

MICHAEL Curry and his partner Kathleen McLelland spent £20,000 on a caravan for their retirement. It was stolen and turned up 18 months later 10 miles down the road in Hampshire, occupied by a traveller family who claimed to have bought it from someone in a pub for £300. Police say there is not enough evidence to charge anyone with theft and, if the couple want their caravan back, they will have to take civil action because removing the travellers from the stolen caravan would breach their human rights. Do you remember a time when stories like this used to surprise us?

REJOICE. This week Auntie Beeb finally told the nation what she has known for many months, that the phone-hacking carried out by the wicked Press was only the tip of the iceberg. As this column has pointed out several times, the Serious Organised Crime Agency, Soca, is aware of private detectives working not only for Fleet Street but for legal firms, celebrities and blue-chip companies. Yet while the BBC gave us saturation coverage of the Leveson Inquiry into Fleet Street's misbehaviour, it said barely a word about the Soca findings. Finally BBC News covered the story. I cherish the moment when the newsreader invited a correspondent to "explain this rather murky story." It is only rather murky, Auntie, because you have failed to shine a light on it.

JUST back from a few days staying at an excellent pub in that pretty little corner where Shropshire meets Herefordshire and Wales. We slept well, lulled into Nod by the baa-ing of sheep. Sheep are puzzling creatures. They lead very boring lives but always have something to talk about. We had a fabulous walk, up and down a succession of Housman's blue remembered Shropshire hills and valleys, emerging from dripping, Amazon-like rainforests into lush meadows with views of distant Caer Caradoc. Last year it would have been too wet for this eight-mile trek, last week it was too hot and who knows what next year will bring? Walk while you may because one day, long before you expect it, your walking days will be over and you will wonder, as you recharge your mobility scooter, why you never did Offa's Dyke.

JANE Austen is to appear on the £10 note marking a little victory for women campaigners who feared male domination of Britain's paper currency. Miss Austen published just six novels, all of which make the point that the very best thing a woman can do with her life is marry a rich man. A strange sort of hero for the feminists.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

'Super' beds for patients up to 60 stone

SUPER-STRENGTH beds to take patients weighing up to 60 stone are being snapped up by hospitals in the Midlands as patients get fatter.

Hospitals and dentists are having to turn to reinforced furniture to cope with expanding waistlines, with recent figures suggesting more than 25 per cent of the region's population are considered obese.

Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital has had beds for larger patients for a number of years and they can take people who weigh up to 35 stone.

It has also invested in two beds that can cope with people who weigh as much as 60 stone and they are now frequently in use. It bought refurbished ones to save money but new they can cost £20,000 each.

Staff training has also been extended to include specialist manual handling techniques.

Matron Helen Boyce said the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust was regularly seeing patients weighing more than 35 stone and that the two specialist beds were frequently used.

She said: "We are quite clear that this is an issue facing the Trust which is not going to go away."

Nurse Laura Plant, occupational therapist Edward Lee and nurse Laura Corbett with a bigger bed

Brake on parking by school gets go-ahead

A BAN on parking near a Wolverhampton school in a bid to stop parents clogging up the road has been given the go-ahead – and will be enforced from September.

by Adam Burling

Council bosses have been looking at ways to crack down on the problem near Woodfield Infant and Junior schools in Penn and have identified three areas where single yellow lines will be painted on the road.

As a result cars will be banned from parking in Woodfield Avenue at two key school times, between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.30pm.

Chaos

A legal order for the ban has now been drawn up after a public consultation was carried out and street signs for the area have been ordered.

Letters have also been sent out to residents.

The yellow lines will be painted near the junction with Coalway Road, opposite the school, and between the school and Penn Road.

And there are also hopes that a deal could be struck to allow parents to park at Woodfield Social and Sports Club.

Residents have long complained about parking in Woodfield Avenue, which is the scene of daily chaos as drivers flout the rules to get close to the gates.

Penn ward councillor Martin Waite said: "The hope is that it will all be in place by September, as that means parents of reception children starting school will learn from day one that these are the rules."

City late nights to woo shoppers

LATE-night shopping has been launched in Wolverhampton in a bid to bring more people into the city centre.

Independent stores opened their doors until 8pm one day last week and it is hoped it will become a monthly event. The move is the latest in a series of attempts to revitalise the area after the city won £100,000 when it was chosen as a Portas Pilot to boost regeneration.

Among the traders opening their doors was The Shop in The Square, in Queen Square. A steady stream of customers visited the store, some of whom work in the city but took the chance to shop after work.

Charlotte Clark, manager of the store, said: "The idea came about because we have a lot of people who come in during their lunch hour from work but don't have much time to look around. It's also a chance to promote the independent businesses in the city and see what they have to offer."

The shop, which has opened as part of the Mary Portas pilot project, sells handmade craft goods and gifts.

Boys to rescue of missing Cleo

Back home safe – Alison Dix with her cat Cleo and the boys that helped to re-unite her. From left Ben Wright, aged 10, Ed Smith and Ben Miles, both aged 11

THREE young boys from Finchfield have come to the rescue of one worried pet owner whose cat suffers from a life threatening condition that requires regular medicine.

Cleo, a pedigree Russian Blue cat, is among a small number of her species to suffer from asthma a condition more commonly associated with humans.

Panicked

When she went missing her owner Alison Dix was left panicked as her furry companion requires regular steroid injections and a specialist inhaler.

"When she went missing I was really worried about how long she would last without her medication. I had almost given up hope of ever finding her," said the 55-year-old from Finchfield.

The former GP searched frantically for her cat in the days following her disappearance placing posters around the area in hopes of recovering Cleo.

"I got a call from someone saying my cat had been found by three young boys playing football."

The three young boys, Ben Wright aged 10, Ed Smith, 11 and 11 year-old Ben Miles kept tabs on the tabby long enough for Alison to get to them and be re-united with her feline friend.

"When I got to her she was in relatively good condition but she had, had a small asthma attack. It's amazing having her back with me I'm so relieved and I can't thank the young boys enough for what they have done. I live on my own and having her back is a massive relief."

Panel to decide on winner of casino bid

A SPECIAL panel of experts will score two rival casino bids before reaching a decision on which one to support by next summer.

A long-running battle has been raging in Wolverhampton between Rubicon Casino, which wants to expand its venue in Temple Street, and Wolverhampton Racecourse where bosses hope to open the country's first Racino.

Licensing chiefs recently gave the green light for the Rubicon proposals, which would see the building extend into the former Dorchester and The Beach nightclubs, creating 100 jobs.

Progress

The decision has sparked a race with bosses at Wolverhampton Racecourse, who also want to build a new casino, which they have branded a Racino.

A licensing sub-committee meeting decided the Rubicon proposals could progress after hearing submissions from Casino 36 and the objectors. A special panel is being set up to hear the arguments from both sides, before reporting back to the licensing committee.

The membership of that panel will be decided on September 25, before a hearing with both applicants is set later in the year.

Then the applications will be marked against a set of criteria to see how they would benefit the city, and a final hearing will take place after that – expected to be in May or June next year.

Subtitled films for youngsters

CINEWORLD in Wolverhampton is launching weekly subtitled film showings for deaf children and young people.

Subtitled movies will be on offer at the cinema, in Bentley Bridge, every Saturday as part of a pilot scheme running until September. It is part of a drive to make film more accessible to people with hearing impairments.

Cineworld is working with the National Deaf Children's Society on the project. Before now, the Saturday morning Movies for Juniors were only available to hearing children.

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Builder for business school to be sought

THE search for contractors to build a multi-million pound business school at the University of Wolverhampton is now under way.

The new development, earmarked for Molineux Street in the city centre, is part of a wider £45 million expansion of the university.

A project manager has now been selected and it is hoped tenders for the new business school will be shortlisted at the start of October.

Education chiefs revealed that the new business school is expected to take around 17 months to build and should be available to use by May 2015.

Extension

Planning permission must still be sought for the new building and proposals are due to be submitted to city chiefs within the next couple of weeks.

The new business school, which would be near to the Wolverhampton Wanderers ground, would boast more classrooms, graduate suites and catering.

The £45m expansion of the university also includes £5m of improvements at the Walsall campus in Gorway Road and an extension of the landmark MB building in Stafford Street.

The building in Stafford Street is being extended into the main city centre campus, with its two storey sections raised to four storeys.

Cycle club in challenge call to riders

CYCLISTS are being invited to sign up for the annual Elizabethan Cycling Club challenge ride on Sunday, August 18.

All keen riders can take part in the Wolverhampton-based club's 72-mile challenge, starting from Trysull Village Hall at 8am and taking in Pattingham, Coalport, Much Wenlock, Craven Arms and Bridgnorth before ending up back at Trysull.

The entry fee is £10 and there will be drinks stations and a cafe stop.

For further details contact Allen McDougall on 07971 407332 or at allenmcdougall@ymail.com

New Cross to take on troubled hospital

WOLVERHAMPTON'S New Cross Hospital is to take over the running of Cannock Chase Hospital and major surgery from Stafford Hospital.

It is part of moves to dissolve the scandal-hit Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust after it was found to be clinically and financially unsustainable.

Troubled Stafford Hospital is to be run by the University Hospital of North Staffordshire with its sister site in Cannock coming under the control of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust. But the special administrators appointed to oversee Mid Staffordshire say they will not be recommending any further downgrade of Stafford's accident and emergency department.

They revealed 14 recommendations that they are making for health secretary Jeremy Hunt to decide upon, following a public consultation. Maternity services will be removed from Stafford once neighbouring hospitals have increased capacity, meaning 1,800 babies a year will no longer be born in Stafford.

New Cross Hospital will also be expected to take on major emergency surgery with only 'minor' procedures still being done at Stafford. Children will no longer be admitted as inpatients under the recommendations, unless it is during the hours of 8am to 10pm when A&E is currently open.

Stafford Hospital's A&E is currently only open from 8am to 10pm in the wake of the scandal over poor care, in which hundreds of people may have died needlessly between 2005 and 2008.

In the report the administrators say that the work they have done in the past 75 days 'has produced a proposed solution that will allow 91 per cent of patient visits to Stafford and Cannock Chase Hospitals to continue in the future'.

In the report, Professor Hugo Mascie-Taylor and consultants Alan Bloom and Alan Hudson, recommend that the trust 'as an organisation be dissolved'. They say: "We do not wish to dwell on the trust's difficult history. Instead we are concentrating our efforts on funding a long term solution for the trust's present problems."

Patient satisfaction low as A&E pressure grows

SCORES of extra people are heading to the struggling A&E department at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital because they can't get appointments with a doctor, health chiefs have admitted.

The last few months have seen record numbers attending the under-pressure department and a recent survey found that patient satisfaction was rated among the lowest in the country.

The hospital endured its busiest ever month in A&E in July when 10,018 patients come through its doors, an average of 323 a day.

Charlotte Hall, deputy chief nurse at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, said it was no secret that A&E had been under pressure but with a £2.5m nine-bed A&E extension on the way later this year – plus a new £31 unit opening in 2015 – officials hope big improvements are on the way.

Capacity

She added: "But we're building more capacity and will have a much bigger department in the long term. And it's already a better environment.

"We've gone into the department and asked patients and there's a lot of feeling about not being able to see a GP, or go to the walk-in centre, and they've ended up in A&E. So as a health economy we need to do more."

She added that the hospitals own patient survey results were 'far more satisfactory' than an NHS questionnaire which was recently carried out.

A review into how urgent care is offered is currently being carried out in Wolverhampton.

Concern on street clean cuts move for the city

MOVES to cut residential street cleaning to once every three months in Wolverhampton have sparked concern among councillors.

Proposals to alter how often roads are swept were originally shelved in February after proving unpopular during a consultation.

New plans have now been put forward, which would see A roads swept every two weeks, B roads every six weeks and remaining residential roads every 12 weeks instead of every six.

Efficiently

While litter picking will take place every six weeks on residential streets and more frequently on busier routes.

Concerns about the proposal were expressed during a meeting of a city council watchdog last week.

Merry Hill ward representative Councillor Christine Mills said she could not agree with the proposal until it was clear what the financial savings would be.

The council said any savings would go towards plugging a £300,000 gap in the street cleaning budget. ."

Visitors warm to family events

Firefighter Andy Howard carries out demonstration

Jack Butler, 7, of Bilston, with Peggy Male

THE sun may have gone into hiding but downpours did not stop revellers coming out to enjoy celebrations over the weekend.

Almost 600 people dropped in on an annual fire station open day in Bilston.

The family event was held at Bilston's Prosser Street headquarters where a series of activities were staged to keep people entertained.

Firefighters ran several fire safety demonstrations to educate people on fire dangers in the home. These included a chip pan fire demonstration, while youngsters were shown around a two-storey caravan in which crews pointed out potential fire hazards.

Fake smoke was then pumped into the caravan and the youngsters were shown the correct way to safely make their escape. Crews also showed how they would cut the roof off a car which had been in a road traffic accident in order to free a trapped person inside.

Police and ambulance services also attended the open day, which took place on Saturday.

Bilston's watch commander Andy Rainey, who organised the day, said he was pleased with the turnout.

Crafts

"We've had between 80 and 100 people here at any one time and it's been a really good turnout," he said. "It's always important to inform people on the dangers within their own homes.

"When the chip pan fire went up we got a few surprised noises and people can really feel the heat even though they're 20 metres away."

Meanwhile, Wolverhampton's Bank's Brewery opened its doors to the public for a fun day on Saturday with more than 1,000 people turning out.

The Chapel Ash brewery staged crafts activities, face painting and also a petting zoo. The Black Country Museum and Falconry, The Territorial Army, the Fire Service and JCB were all on hand to provide activities.

Visitors could enjoy a hog roast and, of course, beer.

It was the third open day held by the brewery.

flocking to the historic site.

Mark Hartwell, Stafford Borough Council's heritage site manager, said: "It's been absolutely fantastic, probably one of the best shows we've ever

NEWS in brief

Housing plan for former tap works

HOUSES could be built on the site of a former tap works factory in Wolverhampton as part of council regeneration plans.

The city council wants homes to be built on the derelict land, between Bushbury Lane and Showell Road in Bushbury, which housed the Armitage Shanks factory until 2007.

The factory, which employed 210 people as late as 2004, has since been demolished.

The land has been put aside for housing as part of the Stafford Road Area Action Plan, which includes proposals for thousands of jobs and homes in the area.

Road sweepers to aid cutbacks

FOUR new road sweepers will be bought by Wolverhampton City Council at a cost of £60,000 in an effort to plug a £300,000 gap in finances.

Bosses say the new vehicles are smaller than the current vehicle so they will be easier to manoeuvre.

Two of the sweepers will be based in and around the city centre, another in Bilston. The fourth will rotate between Wednesfield and Tettenhall. They will cost £15,000 each but council chiefs say they are more economical to run.

Libraries cash for holiday activities

LIBRARIES in the Black Country have secured £10,000 to stage a series of children's activities during the summer holiday.

The Black Country Libraries in Partnership children's team, comprising libraries from Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton, won a grant from the libraries fund held by the Arts Council England and National Lottery.

Funky fitness

A NEW health initiative has been launched in Wolverhampton – with the aim of encouraging people to get fit in a fun way.

The Funky Fun Health programme will promote healthier lifestyles by providing activities which are cheap, easy and fun.

Church club invite

A TUESDAY club at a church in Wolverhampton is appealing for new members. The club meets at St Leonard's Church, in Walsall Street, Bilston, from 10.30am to 1pm.

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IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

ANOTHER term beckons for Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe following his landslide victory in last week's general election.

There have been some voices expressing concerns that the ballot might have been rigged, but these suspicions do not seem to be shared by people on the ground.A recent opinion poll showed that among the population of Harare, 140 per cent believed the vote was free and fair.

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POOR little rich kids, don't you just love them?

Natalie Hynde, the daughter of Pretenders singer Chrissie Hynde and Kinks frontman Ray Davies, was arrested last week for her part in a protest against shale gas exploration in Sussex.

So miffed was Harry Potter lookalike Natalie, that she and boyfriend Simon 'Sitting Bull' Medhurst decided to super-glue themselves to the entrance gate of the site where the work was taking place. Not my idea of a day out in the country, but each to their own.

However, they appear to have overlooked one obvious flaw in their protest, which came unstuck the moment officers arrived with a bottle of super-glue thinners. Flippin' coppers, they think of everything don't they? Still, the pair had their moment in the limelight. And besides, the weather over the weekend was atrocious.

It seems that Natalie is actually a bit of a jack-of-all-trades of the protest movement, having previously been involved in the Occupy London sit-in and the demonstration against the Bexhill-to-Hastings link road.

Natalie now describes herself as a 'full-time environmental protester', which sure beats working in a supermarket, even if the wages aren't much cop.

Of course youthful rebellion is nothing new, but Natalie is 30 years old and Simon the Sitting Bull 55. Wouldn't you have expected them to have got all this out of their system and, I dunno, settled down into a job, by now?

Maybe Simon, who used to work as an RAF photographer, is having a mid-life crisis, but I think on balance a Harley Davidson makes more sense.

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WE HAVE heard much about the rip-off charges of banks, and utility providers, but what about car insurance providers?

This week I have been charged £45 by my car insurance broker for simply changing the number plate on my car.

This 'administration fee' is nearly a quarter of my annual premium. Apparently, £15 of it goes to the insurance company for updating the documents, and the remaining £30 to the broker for the onerous task of taking the details and passing the information on.

Time for an investigation, I think.

Diagnosis – Home Secretary Theresa May

18th birthday – old enough to drink but no alcohol for Charlotte

Support – Charlotte with mum Alison

As a teenager it felt like end of the world

At 17 reporter **Charlotte Lilley** was shocked to be told she had diabetes but she has learned not to let it get the better of her

IMAGINE waking up and having to inject yourself directly into your stomach. Now imagine doing that five times a day. Hard isn't it? But as a Type 1 diabetic, that is exactly what I do to stay alive.

I am one of the 2.9 million diabetics living in the UK. I am not overweight, I do not lead an unhealthy lifestyle and I exercise regularly. So why do I have this incurable disease? Nobody knows.

Last week Home Secretary Theresa May revealed her shock at being told she has diabetes and will have to inject herself with insulin. She silenced her critics who had commented on her thin frame telling them it will not affect the way she does her job.

Questions

I was diagnosed seven years ago, aged 17, with the Type 1 illness, which means my body does not produce any insulin, sending my blood sugar levels too high.

My friends and family kept commenting on how much weight I had lost, but because I was eating normally, I didn't think anything of it.

I weighed just under seven stone before I visited a doctor and was drinking a lot of water, but luckily I was diagnosed just in time with a routine blood test.

I remember sitting in the waiting room as a bag of nerves thinking 'I haven't got diabetes, that's what older, bigger people get,' but I was wrong. I was thinking of Type 2 diabetes, which is more common and usually affects people over the age of 40 who are overweight.

Type 1 is predominantly found in children and teenagers and after a series of blood tests, I was told the bad news – I was now another number in the diabetes statistics. At that moment, my life changed forever. It was a real shock and took me a while to come to terms with it. I had so many questions but none came out of my mouth.

In control – Charlotte Lilley, from Wolverhampton, has Type 1 diabetes

Luckily my mum, who used to be a nurse, was able to explain things and reassure me later on.

I wasn't able to leave the hospital until I had given myself my first insulin injection, which left a small scar on my stomach that I still have today.

With a huge fear of needles, the prospect of having to do this at least twice a day was daunting, but the specialist nurse showed me what to do and since then, it has become second nature.

I now inject myself five times a day, twice with my breakfast, once with my lunch, once at dinner time and again before bed.

My needle phobia quickly vanished, it had no choice, and now my only gripe is the bruises I sometimes get afterwards. But as a teenager, it felt like the end of the world.

I was different to my classmates and at an age where image is everything, who wants to carry around a lunch box because they can't have school dinners?

Gone were the days of eating chips and pizza for lunch, replaced instead with carrot sticks and sandwiches made by my over-protective mother.

Things became even harder when I hit my 18th birthday two months later. I was legally allowed to drink but couldn't, because just a few sips would send my blood sugar levels soaring, causing complications later in life such a stroke and heart attack.

So at a meal with friends, I had to resort to drinking diet coke and watch them eat my birthday cake instead.

As the months went by, I began to settle into a routine and started to feel a lot better realising how unwell I must have been.

But while I appeared to be coping well, there were times when I would ask 'why me?' I had always been fit and healthy and now diabetes was threatening to ruin all that.

Thankfully, seven years later I have come to terms with it and I don't let my condition define who I am or stop me from achieving my goals.

Protective

Although I have to attend hospital appointments and blood tests every three months and carry food with me wherever I go, my diabetes hasn't stopped me from doing anything and I am still able to carry out my job as a journalist to the best of my ability.

I have learned to live with the fact that my friends and family will always be a little bit over protective of me even though I am now 24, and that my father will still forget I have it and offer me sweets and chocolate.

People who know me would say the biggest change is the contents of my handbag. Before I was diagnosed it used to be filled with make-up, nail polish and hair clips, now it's full to the brim with unused needles, glucose monitoring equipment and sugar tablets.

Hopefully with Mrs May bringing the condition into the spotlight, it will make more people understand its implications and encourage others who have it to control it and not let it get the better of them.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

BRIDE Adele Hughes was left blushing after her £70,000 Rolls Royce wedding car broke down.A replacement Bentley was hurriedly dispatched to her Wombourne home but she still arrived 10 minutes late for the ceremony.

A WOLVERHAMPTON man had a lucky escape after a gas cylinder exploded, setting his bathroom ablaze. Fleet-footed David Manford escaped with minor burns after leaping to safety through the bathroom window of his terraced house in Bilston.

WEST Bromwich Albion players and officials were involved in a mid-air drama during a flight to a pre-season training trip in Amsterdam.Their jet developed an engine fault as it was flying over Norfolk, forcing the captain to make an emergency landing at Heathrow Airport

1993...

WELEPHANT met the elephants during a preview of a jumbo fire safety scheme at Dudley Zoo. The West Midlands fire service mascot met real-life elephants Kasama and Flossie to promote the fire prevention campaign which was aimed at children and pensioners.

A PRACTICAL joker who was sacked when a prank backfired won back his job with Dudley Council. The prankster lost his job after advertising a colleague's car for sale at a knockdown price leaving the victim inundated with calls from bargain-hunters.

EIGHT hundred Chubb workers in Wolverhampton staged the first of a planned wave of strikes over a management plan to stop union meetings. Staff at the three Woden Road factories walked out despite the company denying it had adopted an anti-union line.

2003...

SIR Bobby Charlton was at Molineux for an emotional ceremony to unveil a bronze statue of Wolves legend Stan Cullis. The nine-foot statue features a bronze plinth carved with Cullis's most poignant saying: "You only get one life, and I gave mine to the Wolves."

AT least one fire engine in Wolverhampton was out of service every day due to a shortage of firefighters in the city. Officials said recruitment problems during a period of industrial action meant not all of the city's fire engines could be manned.

A Stourbridge grandmother had a new-found claim to fame after discovering she designed the motif on the Zimbabwe flag. Joan Haigh originally designed the bird emblem for a carpet in a civic building in Zimbabwe in 1958.

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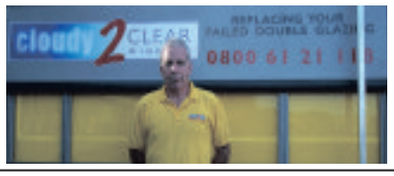

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NEWS

Memorial fund for wife will aid hospital training

Lindsay with her husband Darren on their wedding day

Darren Clift with David Churchill and the simulation equipment

A MEMORIAL fund has been set up in honour of a Black Country woman who collapsed and died just hours after she was told she had lost her unborn baby.

Twenty-nine-year-old Lindsay Clift, from Bilston, was killed by a rare complication in childbirth in September last year.

She died after going into Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital for a routine induction as she was two weeks past her due date. However, when she arrived midwives were unable to find a heartbeat and confirmed the tragic news that her and husband Darren's baby, Katy May, was stillborn.

Shortly afterwards the hairdresser collapsed and died. An inquest held earlier this year found she had suffered an 'extraordinarily rare' amniotic fluid embolism.

Her husband, Darren Clift, aged 42, has now set up a fund in his wife's memory.

Pledge

Donations have now topped the £4,500 mark, allowing the fund to buy a new piece of equipment that will help train staff at New Cross.

Mr Clift, of Himley Close in Bilston, said: "Lindsay was a very gentle and caring person and it's very fitting she has a fund in her name, although she would be telling me off for having such a fuss made."

The life-size obstetric simulator that the memorial fund has purchased means staff can train more effectively for situations such as the one they found themselves in when they tried to save Mrs Clift last year.

David Churchill, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the hospital, said: "Perhaps the most fitting memorial we can offer is our pledge as professionals that we won't give up trying to be better at what we do."

Mr Clift, a consultant at Wolverhampton Learning Technologies, said he kept in touch with people at the hospital and was aware of the massive impact his wife's death had on them.

He added: "I'll remember the look on everyone's face for the rest of my life." Donations can be made to the fund at **www.justgiving.com/royalwolveshospitalsnhstrust/remember**

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LETTERS

Blaze: Commonsense is answer

ARE we not missing the point about the Smethwick fire? OK, Chinese lanterns are not the most environmentally friendly objects to launch skyward but neither are rockets, roman candles, mortars and the rest of the pyrotechnic catalogue, not to mention discarded fag ends or the odd arsonist.

In an age governed by Health & Safety, how on earth did the powers that be, miss a risk assessment that said: "We have 10,000 tonnes of highly inflammable materials, stacked in close proximity, open to the skies and without protection. The likelihood of fire bolts from heaven is pretty remote, so fireproof covers won't be necessary."

Sometimes 'elf and safety' is not enough, plain old commonsense is a better application.

ALEX DAWSON (Retired engineer)
Fairview Close
Wednesfield

Putting profit before health

IT is difficult to understand why people are surprised David Cameron has backtracked on plain packaging for cigarettes and minimum unit price for alcohol.

Some of the biggest global companies in the world produce these products. It is not in their interests for there to be any sale impediment. The Conservative Party is as much dependent on big business as Labour is on the unions.

Hence Mr Cameron's position. When it comes to the crunch, public health is nothing compared to the profit motive.

T S GILL
Penn Road
Wolverhampton

New island problem for drivers and pedestrians

SO Mr Bilson has not heard of any problems for motorists regarding the new island. Where has he been or is it a case of not in my back yard so doesn't affect him?

Not only have there been major disruptions for motorist it is no better for pedestrians.

He wants to try getting across Wobaston Road or the Stafford Road, it's a nightmare, and oh what a fuss if you say anything to the contractors, you are met with a moan and finger pointing to a board with a number on to complain or get laughed at.

And no doubt the local shops have suffered, as there is only Winchester Road to park, and now it's so busy it has turned into a car park where people are parking cars across driveways whilst they make a quick visit to the shops.

Mr Bilson, it may be a wonderful opportunity to welcome new companies into the town but make a trip, walk round the area and then wait for the comments to be given direct and then maybe you may get your facts right.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Village homes plan a threat to wildlife

I HAVE been reading with great disappointment and sadness of the proposed plans to build housing on land in Hall End Lane, Pattingham.

I am not surprised that many of the villagers are up in arms about this total disregard for the impact on the village, countryside and more importantly the local wildlife.

I was born and bought up at Nurton Brook and although I have lived in Finchfield since my marriage at St Chad's Church in 1985 I have always felt that Pattingham was where my roots lay.

Indeed my brother still lives in the village and my parents were village folk for almost 50 years and are both buried in St Chad's Churchyard as is my grandmother.

I have always dreamed of one day coming back to live in the village and understand that the cost of comparable housing there to where I live makes it difficult for people, including me, to make that move.

I love the village for what it is; essentially a farming community that has grown over the years but still true to its village status with plenty of green fields and open countryside.

I would certainly not want that to change just so that I could have the chance to move back there into affordable housing!

Moor Lane is one of the few places where in spring you can still hear the sound of the Cuckoo but in the light of this proposed development I wonder for how much longer?

In the summer months swallows and swifts hawk for insects over these fields and in the early morning or evening if you are lucky you may see a hare. This surrounding land is also home to barn owls.

This proposal may only seem like a small development but it will fragment the land and make it harder for the wildlife to survive. Has a survey been carried out to ascertain the possible impact on the wildlife in this area and the village?

MRS SUSAN JARVIS
Wychbury Road
Finchfield

BRIDGE CORNER

THEY say in bridge that the five level belongs to the opposition. Sometimes you have to encourage them to get there.

North/South's smooth progress in the bidding was interrupted by West's Two Hearts overcall.

The ensuing dogfight ended at Four Spades which West – holding two aces and knowing trumps were splitting badly – doubled.

West started off with the ace and king of hearts, the latter ruffed by Declarer.

Time to take trumps out; but when the queen was led and West discarded, Declarer knew he was slated to lose two spade tricks.

He played low from Dummy; East took his king and led back the jack of clubs. Declarer covered with the king and West the ace, ruffed in Dummy.

Ace and king of diamonds were led from Dummy, dropping the queen to establish the suit. Declarer could now throw away clubs from his hand until East was forced to ruff in, using the two of spades which Declarer overruffed with the five.

Declarer then crossed to the ace of clubs and still more diamonds.

Although East, with 10 and eight of spades sitting over the nine, had to come to a further trump trick the contract got home.

East/West should have bid Five Hearts before doubling, pushing North to a probable Five Spades which goes one off.

– Bill

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THE BIDDING

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Patients were soothed with kind words

IN response to the criticism of the NHS I would like to tell you of my experience.

For nearly 10 weeks I was in Penn Hospital. I saw patients swear at staff, spit on them, punch them, throw hot drinks and cold, attempt to grab them and plenty of other disturbances.

On every occasion, the staff remained calm and soothed the patients with kind words, with the patience and understanding that the patients could not help being like that, such was their mental state.

I hope that this constant carping is not an underhand way of trying to get the public to agree to some form of privatisation.

R G HENSON
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NEWS

Winter garden waste change gets go-ahead

PLANS to only collect garden waste from Wolverhampton households once a month during the winter will be 'sufficient' for most families, a council chief insisted.

The move would save £150,000 a year. Wolverhampton City Council says it will be able to reduce labour costs and will also be able to save about £14,000 by hiring fewer lorries.

The move has been given the go-ahead. Bosses say that less than a fifth of the waste is collected during winter and that reducing collections would not hit recycling targets set for the council.

Councillor John Reynolds, the authority's cabinet member for city services, said: "Evidence suggests that a monthly collection will be more than sufficient for the vast majority of households, but we'll also be encouraging more families to compost their waste, which is the most environmentally friendly way of dealing with garden waste."

Crackdown

The council originally drew up three options for the future of garden waste collections. Other proposals could have seen the collections stopped all together during winter or kept as they were. Not making any collections during the winter would have saved up to £376,000 but would have led to significant changes for workers.

Council chiefs have also stressed that any changes which may be introduced would affect only the collection of garden waste, and not the fortnightly collection of household recycling from black bins and the weekly collection of non-recyclable and food waste, in brown bins and food caddies.

It emerged earlier this month that up to 600 bins are being left uncollected in Wolverhampton as part of a crackdown on the wrong type of rubbish.

Diving into fundraising

Jessica Lester, aged 17, strapped to an instructor as she does her skydive to raise money for Great Ormond Street

AN Essington student plunged more than 13,000ft during a skydive to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Jessica Lester was among pupils at Queen Mary's High in Walsall who took on the challenge and she has so far collected more than £450 in sponsorship.

The event took place at Hinton Airfield in Northamptonshire and included 45 seconds of freefall before a parachute descent of more than five minutes. The 17-year-old had wanted to take part in the tandem skydive to raise money for the hospital after they supported a friend.

Jessica, who moved to the country from China aged nine months after being adopted, said she wanted to do something that would encourage people to raise cash for a good cause.

But she had to overcome her nerves around heights. "I was petrified beforehand," she said.

"I chose to do it as I have a friend who had a little brother who had some brain surgery there and it saved his life."

The youngster, who thanked Motorland 2008, based in Bloxwich, and JP Alloys, of Cannock, for sponsoring her, is hoping to add to her total.

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NEWS

100 police officers to go back on to frontline

AROUND 100 police officers will return to the frontline under plans announced by West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones.

The recruitment drive will see the force hire 100 new personnel to help put officers in office-based posts back on the beat.

The positions are being created to replace officers who are currently based in the contact department handing all calls to the force and acting as the first point of contact for people walking into police stations.

Promise

Since he was elected in November, Bob Jones says he has been working to put more police back onto the streets.

He said: "I am very pleased we can get up to 100 extra pairs of feet on the ground.

"Earlier this year I committed to putting more officers back on the beat and this is part of that promise.

"We continue to work within stringent financial conditions but I am committed to being able to ensure the best possible policing

by Adam Thompson

service for local communities."

The move comes amid sweeping jobs cuts made by the force in recent times after Government budget cuts. In the wake of the spending review announced by George Osborne earlier this year Mr Jones said the new reductions meant the force had to be prepared for another 350 police officers and 250 back-room staff to go.

That comes on top of the 2,200 offices and staff already lost from its 13,500 workforce.

The first set of vacancies will see staff recruited to work within front offices where they will deal with members of the public face-to-face, who go into police stations for help and advice or to report incidents or to produce documents.

Steps to happiness

Joan and Francis Booth celebrate their anniversary

THEY met and fell in love as teenagers and now Joan and Francis Booth are celebrating 60 years of marriage.

The couple, both aged 81, grew up close together, Joan in Westbury Street,and Francis in Faulkland Crescent. They now live in Plascom Road, East Park.

They started courting after attending a dance in St Paul's Hall, Graiseley, in 1947, aged 14. They got married on July 25 1953 at St Patrick's Church, in Wolverhampton.

And say the secret to a long and happy marriage is to give and take through the good times and the bad.

Their daughter Mandy Hillman, aged 52, said: "My dad went to do National Service and went to Nairobi when he was 18. When he came back my mum didn't recognise him because he had left as a boy and come back as a man."

On their wedding day

Mr Booth worked at Mander's Paints and his wife at Prices Hardware and have two other children Patricia, aged 59,and Michael, aged 49. They also have six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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NEWS

Ladder fall lands firm with bill for £24,000

A PAINTING and decorating company has been ordered to pay more than £24,000 after an accident in Wolverhampton left one of its employees with a fractured wrist.

Norris Contracting Ltd had been hired to re-decorate the outside of a residential care home, Soroptimist House, on Tettenhall Road when the ladder supporting one of its workers slipped.

Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard the company had said before it took on the job scaffolding would be needed. Despite this and the wet ground conditions the workers relied on a ladder.

The court heard that one of the workers, Karl Palmer, worked at a height of 26ft from the ground and injured himself when he fell after the ladder supporting him slipped.

The ladder was not supported by a colleague and the Nottingham-based company continued to rely on ladders after the accident until the job was completed, the court heard.

Documents

Wolverhampton City Council solicitor Jacky Bramley said the company had various health and safety plans but a supervisor had not used scaffolding on November 11, 2011, because he 'said it wasn't necessary'. She added: "Working at height is the biggest cause of working fatalities. It's not enough to write documents, they have to be put in place."

The court heard the company had not breached health and safety rules before.

Managing director John Norris entered guilty pleas to three charges of failing to plan and carry out work safely, failure to take suitable measures to prevent a person falling to a distance liable to cause personal injury and failing to select the correct equipment for use at height.

In the company's defence, Mr Millbank said Mr Norris was 'genuinely alarmed the work was completed using ladders again'.

The company was fined £8,000 for each of the three offences and ordered to pay £1,868.50 in prosecution costs.

Leaving – 37 years on

Popular – Meg Poxon with pupils at Claregate Primary School

AMBITIOUS young teacher Meg Poxon had only planned to stay at Wolverhampton's Claregate Primary School for three years.

But 37 years later, she is now bidding a fond farewell to pupils, parents and staff there as she retires.

"I was only planning to stay here for a few years as I was so ambitious," said Mrs Poxon, aged 63. "But it's such a great school with a nice community feel, I've been here ever since."

Mrs Poxon is well known among Claregate pupils past and present for her love of sports and she taught gymnastics clubs for many years.

The mother-of-three now plans to visit family in America and Australia and also to hire a personal trainer.

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WATCH OUT HEALTHWATCH CHAMPIONS ABOUT

The newly-formed patients' champion, Healthwatch Wolverhampton will be examining a number of local health topics including; parking at New Cross Hospital, Mental Health Services and Nursing and Residential Care Homes in the City.

The organisation which works in the best interest of service users is also investigating why young people do not, or are unable to access healthcare services, as well as the availability of public services and transport to New Cross Hospital.

Maxine Bygrave, Chair of Healthwatch, said: "Everyone will use a Health and Social Care Service at some point in their lives, whether these are routine services such as immunisation, contraception or advice on healthy eating, treatment for common illnesses including cancer or depression, or care support services provided at home for those with disabilities or who are elderly and frail".

"Everyone, therefore, has an experience – good or bad - which they can share to help shape and improve those services".

"Healthwatch Wolverhampton is tasked with monitoring and helping to develop local Health and Social Care Services and in order to do that we are engaging with residents of Wolverhampton about their concerns and experiences.

We will use the information we gather to challenge service providers and commissioners where we find quality standards are not being met, and to highlight excellent services of care."

Healthwatch is also contributing to local Health and Social Care priorities including a review of the dementia strategy and the development of a Citywide strategy for urgent care.

The organisation also provides information and advice on how to access Health and Social Care services and where people can get help if they wish to make a complaint.

Healthwatch is currently working on the following work plan topics:

- Nursing/Care Homes
- Mental Health Services
- Eye Infirmary
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- Young People: Access to Health Services

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NEWS

Hollywood pub next stop for bus blinds

WALSALL, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Birmingham – next stop Hollywood, all change.

Anyone looking closely at this picture of superstars Noel Gallagher, Russell Brand and Morrissey enjoying a night out at The Cat and Fiddle on Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard will notice a touch of the Black Country lurking among the stars.

The wall of the fabled bar is adorned with none other than bus blinds from the West Midlands and Staffordshire, bearing names of stopping points such as Essington, Bradley, Coseley, Wednesbury, Stourbridge, Pattingham and Cheslyn Hay.

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The old destination blinds, used by drivers to display where they were going to, have been hanging in the Cat and Fiddle for more than 20 years.

The full list is of 60 destinations ranging from West Bromwich to Wombourne, Bilbrook to Blakeley Green, Princes End to Penn Fields and Bilston to Bloxwich. They used to be wound on manually by drivers. Today's buses have electronic displays.

The Cat and Fiddle, where the blinds are displayed, has been a British themed pub in Hollywood for more than 30 years and was opened by Londoner Kim Gardner, the bassist with bands such as Creation and Ashton, Gardner & Dyke, who recorded three albums and had a number three hit in 1971 with Resurrection Shuffle.

The Cat and Fiddle moved from its original premises on Laurel Canyon Boulevard to 6,350 Sunset Boulevard. Kim Gardner died in 2001 but his widow Paula and daughter Ashlee continue to run the pub. Ashlee, aged 30, said the blinds had been bought at an antiques fair in the Midlands by her father – but she did not know where.

She said: "They seem to be popular with the customers and British people are interested in them."

Ashlee said her father was proud of his English heritage and 'wanted to celebrate that in LA'.

Kevin Chapman, from the West Midlands Campaign for Better Transport, said: "The blinds would either be from Midland Red or perhaps the old Wolverhampton Transport Corporation."

Former Darlaston man Stephen Page, who left his job as a Wolverhampton Council youth worker in the 1990s to move to Hollywood, said he had visited the bar in 1994 when the blinds were on the ceiling.

Destination blinds are seen as collectors' items. One from the former Wolverhampton Transport Corporation or its successor WMPTE believed to date from the 1970s sold for £82 on eBay in May.

Noel Gallagher, Russell Brand and Morrissey at the Cat and Fiddle

The destination blinds at the pub

Ashlee Gardner, who runs the bar

Happy note as revamp bandstand is unveiled

THE newly-restored bandstand in Wolverhampton's East Park has been unveiled to the public – at the same time as the park was officially saved for future generations by a legal covenant.

The bandstand was completely renovated as part of the on-going £1.5m restoration of East Park which is returning the Victorian park back to its former glory.

The bandstand's weather-ravaged metalwork was repaired and replica parts were fashioned to replace the missing framework.

Dedication

The new-look bandstand was officially opened as part of a celebration event to mark the awarding of a deed of dedication to East Park.

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, operated by Fields in Trust, sought to protect and safeguard recreational areas through legal means, ensuring they remain in recreational use forever.

East Park was one of six parks and recreation grounds in the city to receive the deed of dedication.

Lollipop service chalks up 60 years

LOLLIPOP men and women working across Wolverhampton will have helped to chalk up 60 years' service.

The school crossing patrol supervisors will receive a special commemorative badge and certificate as part of an event later in the year to mark the milestone

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NEWS

£1m funding will bring homes for vulnerable

TWENTY homes designed to help elderly and disabled people live independently are to be built in Wolverhampton after nearly £1m funding was secured.

Suitable sites are now being sought across the city for the homes.

The development is being hailed as 'excellent news' for the city and council bosses say it will help improve the quality of lives of elderly and disabled people. Ten homes will be owned by the council, and 10 by Heantun Housing.

The council has been allocated £900,000 from the Department of Health's Care and Support Specialised Housing fund scheme which will enable the properties to be created in partnership with Heantun Housing Association.

Designs

The scheme was put together with Heantun, as the firm has previously built housing with disabled and wheelchair access in the city. Once the sites have been identified, work will begin on creating detailed designs of the properties.

Housing officers will also work with the council's health, wellbeing and disability team to make sure the families most in need get a chance to live at the homes.

Councillor Peter Bilson, cabinet member for economic regeneration and prosperity, said: "This is excellent news for the city.

"We are delighted to receive this funding that will allow us to work closely with Heantun to create suitable housing that will benefit some of our most vulnerable residents.

Nick Crombie, Heantun's chief executive, said: ""We congratulate the council in securing resources from the Government which will make a real difference for families and carers in the city."

Running up a record

Monique Oladujaye,10, and Callum Fellows, 11, with school trophies

CROSS-COUNTRY runners at a school in Bilston went undefeated all year – despite losing their athletics facilities in an arson attack.

Pupils at Wilkinson Primary School have been competing since last September and have won every tournament. About 40 pupils aged eight to 11 make up the squad.

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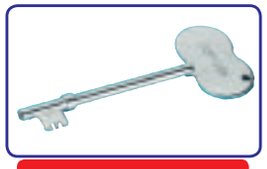

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NEWS

City misses out on Green Flag awards

Gardener James Perks works on the incredibly colourful flower beds at West Park but it was not part of the entries

PICTURESQUE parks, nature spots and even cemeteries from across the region have been awarded the coveted Green Flag award for their beauty – but Wolverhampton missed out after bosses decided not to apply.

Sandwell topped the charts in the Black Country and Staffordshire with 12 parks earning the accolade – but Wolverhampton got none at all, as it emerged that no entries were submitted from the city.

Last year some of Wolverhampton's best-known beauty spots including Bantock Park, Phoenix Park and St Peter's Gardens received a Green Flag Award, along with the city's premier venue West Park. But cabinet member for leisure and communities, Labour Councillor Elias Mattu, said there was 'not enough time' for people to enter the competition this time around.

Enjoy

He added: "It's sad but it doesn't mean our parks are not up to standards – in fact I think they've improved from last year. We've spent £1.5 million on East Park and they're in a good state and are still there for people to enjoy.

"It was a matter of not having enough time. I wasn't happy but I understand the reasons and it's a lengthy process to apply."

Opposition councillors slammed the authority for failing to preserve the city's reputation. Conservative deputy leader of the council Barry Findlay said: "We have got some really beautiful places in Wolverhampton and a lot of time and effort goes into them and I don't think it is satisfactory that we have missed the deadline as we need to do all we can to improve the image of the city."

Appetite for beer boosts profits

WOLVERHAMPTON brewing and pubs group Marston's hailed a 'strong' performance over the last 10 months boosted by growing demand for its beers, such as Banks's and Pedigree.

People's continuing appetite for eating out, despite tough times, also boosted figures at Marston's pub-restaurants.

New figures show 16 new venues have been opened so far this year as the company follows its F-Plan, focusing on "food, families, females and 40-50 somethings"

Despite wet weather earlier in the year over the 42 weeks to July 20 Marston's saw sales at its premium and destination pubs up 2.1 per cent, boosted by a 3.7 per cent surge in food sales.

And that accelerated as the weather warmed up, with sales up six per cent over the last 10 weeks.

Its brewing arm has made 'excellent progress' against a background of a decline in the overall market for beer – Marston's own-brewed beer sales were up six per cent. As well as its Banks's brewery in Wolverhampton and Marston's site at Burton upon Trent, it owns the Jennings, Wychwood, Ringwood and Brakspear breweries.

The company currently has 2,100 pubs nationwide but is selling off those it no longer wants, raising £35 million so far this year. Marston's now expect pub sales to raise £50 million by the end of the year.

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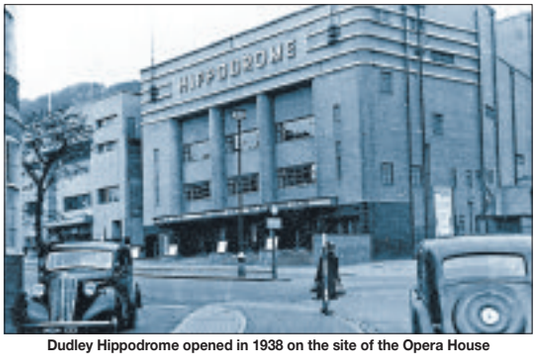

Dudley Hippodrome opened in 1938 on the site of the Opera House

The Hippodrome in 1970, 12 years after it became a bingo hall

Babes in the Wood at Dudley Hippodrome in 1943, with Billy Russell on right

Inspecting the damage of the burnt-out Dudley Opera House in 1936

Hippodrome was a magnet for a long list of top stars

by Professor Carl Chinn

THE opening of the elegant Dudley Opera House on Monday, September 4, 1899 was a spectacular event for the town.

Honoured guests included the Earl and Countess of Dudley, the mayor, and members of the town council.

They were joined by 'a large and fashionable audience' who tested the holding capacity of this 'handsome building, occupying a commanding position'.

Designed in the Italian Renaissance style, it was made of red brick with terracotta dressings, while its stage was of such height, width and depth that 'it will allow of the most elaborate scenic effects'.

That evening it was brought alive with a performance of The Mikado by the D'Oyly Carte Repertory Company, admirably supported by Dudley's orchestra.

It must have been a most proud night for John Maurice Clement, the man whose energy and enthusiasm had pushed forward this project on land he had purchased from the Earl of Dudley. Born in the town, Clement had once worked at the Earl's estate office, but he was always drawn to theatre.

From involvement in amateur dramatics he became a theatrical agent and in 1888 he opened his first theatre, The Colosseum in Trindle Road. This had been a circus but it became the home of drama in Dudley until the Opera House was finished.

Like most owners of similar theatres Clement was unable to get by with productions of operas and Shakespearian plays. He had to widen the appeal with more popular plays and even variety shows. Dudley Opera House continued in this vein until 1936 when it closed after it was damaged badly by fire. The site was then bought by the Kennedy brothers who built the Hippodrome theatre and the Plaza cinema next door.

Streamlined

A splendid Art Deco building, the Hippodrome was designed by Archibald Hurley Robinson, a Birmingham architect who was well-known for his Art Deco cinemas. This connection explains why from the outside the Hippodrome looked like a super-cinema with its streamlined façade. Inside, there were also Art Deco decorations.

The Hippodrome held 1,700 people and was one of the biggest and best-known venues across the Midlands. There were full houses as top artists and comedians appeared. Laurel and Hardy performed there, as did Bob Hope – and when he did so, crowds packed the approach roads in the hope of getting a glimpse of the American star. Variety, plays and musical comedy also drew sizeable audiences, while the D'Oyly Carte Company with operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan was popular, as were spectacular ice shows and celebrated pantomimes. But the theatrical heyday was brought to an end by the rise of television, and the Hippodrome closed as a live venue in February 1964.

Fortunately, it continued to be a popular venue as a bingo club from 1967. Sadly, though, this magnificent building has lain empty since 2005 and is threatened with demolition. Malcolm Palmer is one of many local people who vehemently oppose these plans; instead they want the Hippodrome to be brought back into use.

Here, Malcolm shares with us some of his memories of that iconic structure:

"I first started going to the Hippodrome in the latter part of the 1940s with either my parents or my aunt and uncle. The pantomimes were always special and a great attraction to youngsters like myself. Early recollections included seeing Billy Russell in pantomime.

"Russell was Birmingham-born and in the latter part of his life had regular appearances in Crossroads.

Malcolm was instrumental in starting the Friends of the Hippodrome, which is campaigning to bring the building back into full and sustainable use.

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NEWS

Legal action threat over smell from waste site

A MAN who has been kicking up a stink for years about the smell from a waste site is now threatening to take court action.

Mr Brian Bromley has led a group of residents in a long running campaign against odour from the depot, in Lawn Lane, Coven, where the garden waste collected by several councils is converted into compost.

The 77-year-old, who lives in nearby Milldale Crescent, Fordhouses, with wife Sheila and their son Jonathan, aged 38, said: "We have been having meetings about this for a long time and have been on site visits.

"There are a lot of good intentions and I believe that the owners of the site are keen to help but the problem persists, so why do they not put the process in tanks underground?

Sources

"Our homes are 3,600ft from the site and the odour comes and goes but at its worst it smells like pig swill and we could not open our windows for several days during June. This is not a campaign against recycling. We are just asking questions about how this is affecting public health.

"We know the strength of people power and if we do not get the answers then I am prepared to go to court to bring an action to abate what I regard as a statutory nuisance. Then people will have to give an answer to these questions."

Mr Malcolm Marshall, business manager of TEG Environmental that runs the Lawn Lane site, said: "We are aware that residents have been complaining about odour in the area during the hot weather but this has not been substantiated as coming from our Coven site.

"There are a number of other possible sources of agricultural and sewage-like odours in the area."

The Environment Agency said in a statement: "We will be visiting the company to investigate this further."

College staff on the button

Front, is teaching and learning advisor for TEDS, Helen Harris, with back from left, tutors Conrad Taylor, Pali Kaur, and Sue Gilbride

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NEWS

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Putting their best foot forward – members of Epilepsy Action Wolverhampton limber up for a charity trek

AROUND 40 walkers are aiming to reach the top of Wales' highest mountain in September to raise money for young epilepsy sufferers in Wolverhampton.

On their first training session they trekked four miles over the Clent Hills in Worcestershire. Afterwards, their leader Janet Mitchell said: "I've got a blinding headache and my feet ache but it was good fun. As a group we're all at different stages of fitness. Some don't need to practise but for the rest, it's a walk every Sunday"

The money will be spent on providing games and activities for young epilepsy sufferers who meet every month at the group's base in Albert Road, Wolverhampton.

The charity has a Just Giving website for those who wish to donate.

Next phase due on £176m plan

THE next phase of a £176 million regeneration project set to transform Bilston will get under way later this year.

Wolverhampton City Council chiefs have approved the final version of the Bilston Urban Village Supplementary Planning Document which sets out how land in the area should be used and gives prospective developers in the area more details about what the authority would like to see built.

Further funding of more than £1.5m for the programme has also been approved, coming only days after the Homes and Community Agency approved £2.5m for the scheme.

The project will see more than 600 new homes built alongside a new primary school. A woodland area, a tree-lined link between Bilston High Street and the leisure centre and a cycle route will also be created as part of the scheme, which has been in the pipeline for years.

The development has been earmarked for a 90-acre site next to Carder Crescent. This first stage of work is anticipated to begin in late September and completed later in the year in time for Christmas.

Further work will be carried out to prepare and develop commercial land that will be released in autumn. Land will also be developed and released for a housing development for approximately 200 homes next year.

Councillor Peter Bilson said: "This is great news for the Bilston area."

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Relief as a long-running parking problem is sorted

A LONG-RUNNING parking problem outside shops in Codsall has been tackled. Part of the pavement in front of Tesco Express, Image Hair Studio and Snackabyte, on Bilbrook Road, has been removed to create new spaces.

by Will Ackermann

County councillor Robert Marshall, who represents the village, said it was good news for shoppers, adding that he was also personally relieved that the 'horrible island' had gone.

He said: "The parking there is infinitely better now. It's gone from being able to park about six cars there to being able to park about 13 – and that's properly parked.

Chaos

"The way it was, once you had a couple of people parking there, there weren't any other proper places, so some would park illegally on the double yellow lines.

"It was always chaos at any time, on any day."

The change is part of a wider move to improve the road between its junctions with Manor House Park and Millennium Way.

Staffordshire County Council's highways department hopes to have finished refurbishing pavements and curbs along the stretch by September.

The removal of the Bilbrook Road island cost around £10,000.

Councillor Marshall said: "It really was very cheap because it was part of the wider project. Costs were also low because there were no electrics or water pipes beneath.

"All they had to remove was one telegraph pole, which wasn't really an issue."

Meanwhile, on Duck Lane, the large island by the Esso garage has been replaced by two smaller ones, which Councillor Marshall said had made it significantly easier to drive through.

Students' tour chance to question a local MP

STUDENTS from Codsall Middle School were taken on a tour of Parliament.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson showed them around Westminster Hall, Central Lobby, the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The group then got the chance to ask the Conservative MP about his role.

They quizzed him on everything from symbolism behind the unicorn and lion statues to the greatest challenges he faced.

Each student then received a certificate to commemorate the day.

Mr Williamson said: "It was an enormous pleasure to be able to meet the students, staff and headmaster of Codsall Middle School.

"The pupils were really engaged and interested in work that goes on in Parliament and they certainly challenged me with their questions."

Village hall blood sessions

BLOOD donors are being encouraged to help save lives by visiting Codsall Village Hall next month.

Donor sessions will run on September 3 from 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.30pm in the main hall and lounge of the building on Wolverhampton Road.

For more information call 01902 843412.

Dancing back to the 80s

MUSIC lovers will dance to the beat at a disco fundraiser in Codsall tomorrow.

The 80s and 90s event will run from 7-11pm at Codsall Village Hall, on Wolverhampton Road. Tickets cost £4 on the door. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of the hall. For more information call 01902 843412.

Keith Willett, relationship director at Lloyds TSB Commercial Banking with Polly Bhambra, owner of Treetops Dental Surgery in Codsall

Extra staff to fill gap at dentists

A DENTAL practice in Codsall is taking on five extra staff after its 1930s art deco building was extended and refurbished so that it can serve more patients.

Treetops Dental Surgery owner Polly Bhambra said one extra dentist had already been recruited and the business was now looking to take on two more and another two nurses.

The surgery, which was started by dentist David Holden in 1967, secured £180,000 of funding support from Lloyds TSB Commercial Banking for the extension and refurbishment.

Treetops in Duck Lane now employs 21 people including six dentists and six nurses and offers a range of treatments including routine dental care, orthodontics and cosmetic dentistry.

The new facilities include two additional surgeries, an admin office, decontamination suite, disabled access and toilet.

Club site launch aim to attract sponsors

A GAELIC football club in Wolverhampton is hoping to attract new members after launching its new website.

St Mary's Gaelic Football Club, which plays its games at Aldersley High School in Codsall, is also looking to encourage new sponsorship from local businesses.

Club bosses said another main aim of the website – **www.stmarysgaa.moonfruit.com** – was to encourage online participation between members, who can now post reviews, comments, video footage and pictures.

Chairman John McLaughlin said: "We're trying to encourage everybody at the club and in the community to get involved – the site looks great and we're really pleased with the level of interest it has generated. But fresh content and new supporters are welcome."

To get in touch with the club email Dan Foley on danfoley110984@gmail.com

Mums group is the business

A SOCIAL group for South Staffordshire businesswomen who are also mothers will launch in Codsall next month.

A presentation on networking will be given at Bizmums' first free event for the district, which will be held at Jungle Boogie, on Church Road, on September 16. Details on email Michelle@bizmums.biz

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Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) (GDC108353) with Denture Clinic manager Peter Brookes (GDC124429)

Denture troubles? Unable to live life spontaneously?

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THERE'S seemingly an impossible amalgamation between glamour and dentures, but these unlikely descriptive bedfellows are increasingly being thrown together at a Wolverhampton clinic.

Under the watchful eye of denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Dudley-based Denture Clinic, regular surgeries held at his Tettenhall Road practice are helping patients turn back the hands of time.

The practice is part of a growing portfolio of locations with surgeries also at North Street, Dudley; Fresh Dental in St Mary's Road, Bearwood; and most recently, Comberton Dental Surgery in Comberton Road, Kidderminster.

A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation denture prescriptions can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes.

"We remain on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on the best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country."

The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality of teeth we supply.

"We will never compromise on best clinical outcomes and that same ethos is core to all of our clinics. We are always reimagining what dentures can achieve."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully, presenting some "monumental" challenges.

"Many patients have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

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Uni students will need lessons on budgeting

ALMOST 2,000 students in Wolverhampton will be heading to university in September, according to new figures.

The financial education charity Personal Finance Education Group says it believes around 1,797 people have been accepted into higher education.

Charity chief executive Tracey Bleakley, said: "It is important that parents in Wolverhampton seize this last chance to sit down with their children before they go off to university and help them think ahead to how they are going to manage their student finances.

"For most new students, university is the first time they will have managed their own money – and it's crucial that they know how to make their first student loan last the entire term."

Gipsy pitch search on to identify new sites

UP TO 19 pitches for gipsies and travellers could be needed in just one part of the region within the next five years, it has emerged.

Wolverhampton City Council says to date it has only found 17 of 36 sites which were identified as being required by 2018 in an accommodation assessment.

Although the authority is not obliged to provide the pitches it would struggle to turn down planning applications for new pitches if it does not earmark sites itself.

A new report on the issue has also revealed that the authority will reconsider plans to provide an 'emergency stopping' site for people passing through Wolverhampton due to a drop in the number of illegal incursions by gipsies and travellers in recent years.

Difficult

Since the report was first published in 2008 three new pitches have been provided in Bilston while planning permission for 14 more in Bushbury was granted earlier this year.

A new accommodation assessment will be carried out in 2016 and work is currently being carried out to identify any extra sites.

A report to be discussed by a city council scrutiny panel states: "If the council does not identify land adequate to accommodate sites for gipsy and traveller pitches it would be difficult for the council to refuse planning permission for any reasonable but speculative proposals for any new pitches."

Still time for say on city future

RESIDENTS in Wolverhampton still have time to take part in a survey about what they think of life in the city.

The 2013 Residents Opinion Survey will help shape council and partnership services in the future.

People are being asked what concerns them most about living in Wolverhampton, how safe they feel and how satisfied they are with their local area and the city as a whole.

Questions

They will also be asked if the council is doing a good job or not and how they rate the services it offers.

Questions also include health and wellbeing, the financial climate and hopes for the future. The deadline to take part is August 19.

People can log on to the website which can be found at **www.bit.ly/ROS wolver hampton** to take part.

It has also been sent out to 6,000 randomly-selected households.

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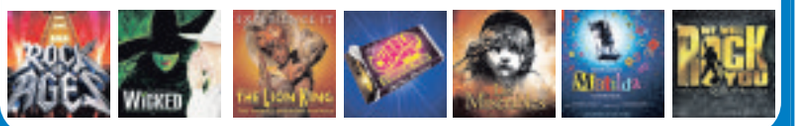

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NEWS

Councillor Jonathan Yardley checks out the remaining trees at the new development off the Wergs in Tettenhall

Anger as trees axed to make way for housing

DOZENS of trees have now been chopped down to make way for a housing development in Wolverhampton.

This is the scene at land on Woodthorne off Wergs Road, in Tettenhall, where work is getting under way to build 58 properties.

Residents hit out at the proposed loss of almost 200 trees, some of which were believed to be more than 100-years-old and were subject to protection orders. But planning permission for the houses was granted in March, meaning 170 trees, 77 of them protected, would be cut down.

Now rows of trees have been removed from the former ADAS site as work gets under way, with around 18 left at the front entrance to it. Those remaining have existing tree preservation orders on them.

But Tettenhall Regis councillor Jonathan Yardley said some of the trees which have been left behind were 'weedy specimens'.

Railings

He said: "The area there was one of the most beautiful Arboretums, made up of beautiful mature trees.

"Now dozens of them have been cut down and we've been left with some weedy specimens at the site. The trees left behind have preservation orders on them and so are surrounded by big metal railings to protect them. It is so ironic that so many fine trees would be chopped down but there's a preservation order on the weedy ones left behind."

There are plans to replace those removed with saplings which the developers say will be of better quality. But Councillor Yardley said he believed they would not compensate for the loss of mature trees.

"It looks like some kind of battlefield at the moment with those few spindly trees sticking up," Councillor Yardley added.

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said: "We are expecting a planning application for the landscaping scheme in the development, including the replanting of 26 new trees, to be submitted shortly."

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Villagers in street blitz on drivers who speed

RESIDENTS in a Perton village have launched a crackdown on speeding vehicles following years of misery. Ten volunteers have taken to the streets with speed radar devices.

by Will Ackermann

They want to put an end to the problem which one councillor says has progressively got worse.

In two weeks campaigners have found the average speed cars travel around the village is 40 mph, 10mph above the speed limit.

Perton Parish councillor Andy Law said that three cars have also been clocked doing more than 50 mph over a pedestrian crossing since their scheme started.

Support

Trained by Staffordshire Police, the volunteers were given the new kit as a result of £1,000 funding gained from Staffordshire County Council.

Councillor Law said: "We have designated areas on which we can go out and monitor people's speeds around the roads.

"The reaction has been largely positive with drivers and pedestrians stopping and talking to us and supporting our campaign. We have had the odd negative gesture thrown at us but we know it is for a good cause so we'll continue to monitor speed.

"If someone is found speeding they are sent a letter from Staffordshire Police. If they continue they get a second warning until eventually they're paid a visit by a police officer.

"It is good for the village because the police will see our data and decide whether to send a speed camera van down to a specific location to catch people speed."

The councillor added: "In the last couple of weeks we've already found that people are driving on average 39.6mph and that's worrying because Perton is a residential area, there are a lot of young children here and people are rushing around at speed."

Refurb barbers kicks off

Joint owner of K2 Barbers Katie Adams is seen outside the revamped shop based at Molineux

A FORMER barbers shop based at the home of Wolverhampton Wanderers has reopened after a £10,000 revamp.

Mother and daughter team Karen Pye and Katie Adams have taken over the shop unit, found in the Billy Wright stand at Molineux.

The barber shop was closed for most of this year before being taken over by the pair, both of Perton.

Wolves memorabilia lines the walls of the shop, which can be accessed from Waterloo Road, and it has been given a complete revamp.

Watch

It has now reopened as K2 Barbers The Modern Man and has been kitted out in old gold and black. Katie, aged 25, who has been in hairdressing since she was a teenager, said: "We've given the shop a complete makeover with a new floor, new lighting, new plumbing and a full redecoration.

"We've even managed to get Sky Sports on in the shop for people to watch while they're having their hair done."

Miss Adams said they had not had any players in the chair yet but said she hoped some might pop in once the new season gets underway.

"Some of the coaches have been in but we haven't had any of the players in yet," she added.

Dozens of post staff injured in dog attacks

DOZENS of postal workers have been attacked by dogs while on their rounds this year, according to new Royal Mail figures.

A total of 11 posties were attacked in Dudley, nine in Walsall, four in Wolverhampton and two in Cannock from April 2012 to April 2013.

Father-of-three Ian Massey, aged 45, of Etching Hill, Rugeley, has worked as a weekend postman in Stafford since March. But weeks later he was bitten and required a tetanus jab.

"The attack happened back in April. I was doing a normal round and I was coming to the end of the street to do the last few houses when a little dog ran out.

Pierced

"I turned around and as I looked down I tried to put the post down so he could nibble on that rather than me, but it was too late. He bit my leg, pierced my trousers and drew blood.

"Whenever I push post through letterboxes, I constantly get dogs jumping up and nearly getting my fingers.

People just need to use a little common sense. Most dogs are fine and they're normally just protecting their home."

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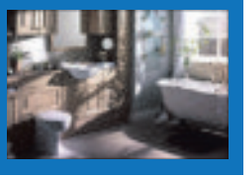

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CLUB NEWS

A history lesson on Charles II

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WITH all formal business concluded, the group welcomed speaker Alan Lewis to the July meeting. He presented Charles II and legacy of the Royal Oak.

Alan is a retired Staffordshire police officer who also worked at Boscobel House and has keen interests in rugby and motorbikes.

He gave a detailed history lesson of Charles II and his battles against Cromwell's army which led to his final defeat in 1651 at the Battle of Worcester.

There were slides of Boscobel House and Moseley Hall as the ladies learned of the complexities of Charles' escape including a heavily-guarded River Severn and ship to France that never turned up.

Meal

This led to his return to Boscobel House where he hid in an oak tree and was helped by the loyal William Pendrell and his brothers. The tree became The Royal Oak and now 650 pubs bear its name.

July saw committee members join for their annual meal at the local village inn. On August 14, members will celebrate the commemoration of the Queen's 60 years and dress up in patriotic colours and serve high tea with sandwiches and cakes.

Sarah Law will give a cake decorating demonstration on September 10 . There will also be a sales table of store cupboard items with money going to First Responders.

Black Country banter from guest speaker

Walking group members Beryl Thornley, Glenys Marsden, Sandra Owen, Val Walker and Val Chalker, enjoying a welcome coffee break at Chasewater

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FORMAL matters, including the treasurer's report, were soon dealt with at the July 18 meeting.

Trips organiser Pat Heeley advised that the outing to Llandudno on August 29 is likely to be cancelled if more members fail to join.

Speaker David Bartley, brought an evening of fun with his comic poetry and Black Country banter. His tall stories with a twist, and poetry about Black Country locations and traditions were well received. The monthly competition for a brass ornament was won by Ann Sale and Pat Heeley won the raffle.

During the heatwave the walking group has been undertaking short walks with long coffee stops and continues to meet each Wednesday at 10am outside Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road.

The meeting on August 15, by tradition a harvest supper, will this year be celebrated with baked potato, with an earlier start time of 7.30pm.

Judges address meeting

BLACK COUNTRY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

THE Black Country Fuchsia Society's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday July 30.

Special guests were two judges, Nancy and Arthur Phillips. They were also judging at the club's annual show last Saturday, August 3 at Pool Hayes Community School in castle Drive, Willenhall.

They gave a talk on what the judges look for in a plant, and answered questions from the audience. Meetings take place at Corpus Christi Social Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield.

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NEWS

Ex-teacher aims to be class act in opera world

MUSIC teacher Sarah-Ann Cromwell took a leap of faith when she quit her job in Walsall to pursue her dreams of becoming an opera singer.

Now eight years on the classically trained soprano singer is hitting high notes in her career as she performs her own award-winning operatic cabaret at the world's largest arts festival.

Miss Cromwell, who runs performance workshops for music theatre students at Wolverhampton University, will take centre stage for 12 performances of her unique show, Diva Gigs: A week in the life of a Diva, at Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Diva devotion – Walsall teacher turned opera singer Sarah-Ann Cromwell

Fusion

The show won the Buxton Festival Fringe 'Spirit of the Fringe Award' 2012.

Miss Cromwell created the act while studying opera performance at Birmingham Conservatoire.She did this after leaving Joseph Leckie secondary school in Walsall, where she had worked for four years.

It is a fusion of opera, comical storytelling and humorous songs which takes the audience on a journey through a week in Miss Cromwell's life as an opera singer.

"It started when my sixth formers at Joseph Leckie left and sent me a card," she said. "It had a poem which said follow your dreams, wherever you go, nurture them, care for them, let them grow.

"I spent my time telling my students to follow their dreams and felt like a hypocrite.

"I went to Birmingham Conservatoire and then trained privately. I was introduced to some incredible singing teachers."

She went on to perform in Othello with Birmingham Opera Company and in Carmen in London.

Miss Cromwell, who lives in Birmingham, said she wanted to move away from traditional operas and was inspired to create her own cabaret operatic act.

"What I really missed was interaction with the audience," she said.

"In a cabaret you invite people to talk with you.

"Diva Gigs is a very honest story about my life in opera. It's taking everything you see in a cabaret act and incorporating opera.

"There's a lot of comedy moments and it's chilled out."

She first tested the show out at a church in Walsall and went on to perform at Buxton Festival Fringe and at Monmouth Festival in Wales.

Accompanying her to the festival is pianist Ana-Maria Andritoiu and Diva crew members including Brandhall Primary School teacher Davina Goodall, of Smethwick, and Helen Ross, of Coven, Wolverhampton.

She added: "Because we want to be interactive, we will give the audience chance to Tweet us as we perform and we will give feedback during the performance. As a performer, it is very tough but it's really good fun. You have to fight for it and take risks."

The shows last 50 minutes and will take place at SpaceCabaret@54, in North Bridge, Edinburgh, until August 17 and tickets cost £7.

Her venture to Edinburgh Festival Fringe will cost more than £6,000 and Miss Cromwell is appealing to the public for support. Pledges can be given at www.kickstarter.com or visit www.sarahanncromwell.com website.

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GARDENING

Now is the time to reap rewards of your efforts

Tomatoes grow well with the help of regular watering

Hoe regularly between vegetables to control weeds

High summer is the time of year you should be making the most of the fruit and veg you have nurtured in your gardens.

Continue to pick runner (stick) beans and dwarf and climbing French beans while they are young.

This will encourage more production and ensure they continue to crop for months. Long term production will be helped if you water and feed the plants every couple of weeks.

A drench of diluted soluble plant food over the runner bean leaves will also help the pods to set when weather is hot.

The liquid drench cools the plants, which encourages pollination, and the balanced nutrients enter the plant foliage almost immediately to garden-give the whole plant a boost.

If you can get a water hose to the beans and fit with a Feeder, this will save time and effort in comparison to using a watering can. Clear space for a seed bed so that you can sow spring cabbages for next year's harvest. The benefit of spring cabbages is that they supply open spring greens or collards in early spring and mature heads later in the season.

Vegetable and fruit garden

Traditional pointed varieties include Durham Early, Offenham which are very hardy and Harbinger, less tolerant of really cold winters, but with an attractive pale green colour.

Variety

Some of the newer varieties produce F1 quality greens and include Advantage, Duncan and the new ball-headed variety called Spring Hero.

If onions play an important part of your kitchen ingredients sow seed of overwintering onions such as Reliance, Senshyu or Autumn Queen.

Feed cropping plants including courgettes, tomatoes, runner beans and French beans with Miracle-Gro Plant Food at regular intervals to encourage continuous production.

Sow seed of perpetual spinach and chard to provide a useful crop from October through until April. These are so much easier to grow than real spinach as they don't easily go to seed, but are succulent, prolific and very hardy.

Cut out the old canes of raspberries that have finished fruiting so as to allow new canes space to grow. Feed the new canes with Miracle-Gro Ericaceous Plant Food every couple of weeks to provide plenty of nutrients together with a good dose of sequestered iron that will keep the foliage dark green for the rest of the season.

Topical tip

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What's On! Wolverhampton

Party at the Love Shack

THE American band who dazzled the 1980s pop scene with their party music and sci-fi retro 60s stylings, The B-52s, are making a rare UK appearance in Birmingham this summer.

The original trio of Fred Schneider, Kate Pierson and Cindy Wilson, who with wonderful immodesty have dubbed themselves 'the world's greatest party band', have a gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Thursday, August 15

Survived

The band from Athens, Georgia, exploded onto the scene at the close of the 1970s with quirky surf punk number Rock Lobster and went on to have hits with Give Me Back My Man, Love Shack and Roam. Kate is also known for guest vocals on tracks by REM and Iggy Pop.

The group survived the death of guitarist Ricky Wilson, Cindy's brother, and came back in 2008 with Funplex, their first album in 16 years.

Fifth member Keith Strickland no longer tours but the crucial three will be joined by a band set to include former Duran Duran and Bowie drummer Sterling Campbell, ex-Waitresses member and bassist Tracy Wormworth and keyboardist Paul Gordon. The latter's pop trivia claim to fame is that he wrote the theme music for Transformers, Robots in Disguise.

Call the venue or visit its website for further details.

Comic Ed enters middle rage in his roaring 40s

CRITICALLY-acclaimed stand-up comedian Ed Byrne is embracing middle-age as he reaches his roaring 40s.

A self-confessed 'miserable old git' since the age of 23, the Irish funnyman is urging fans to join him as he truly comes of age. While for some, this may mean the purchase of a sportscar, Byrne is taking a different outlook, as he lets out his battle cry of: "I am in my 40s, hear me roar."

A regular on panel shows like Mock The Week, Byrne has previously performed at major comedy venues.

His Different Class show enjoyed a full run at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2008, following on from the success of his Standing Up Falling Down tour, which was the festival's biggest-selling comedy show in 2006,

Presenter

Byrne has also performed at top comedy clubs in New York and Los Angeles. He has made five appearances on NBC's Late Night With Conan O'Brien and has been a presenter on RTE's Ed Byrne's Just for Laughs, which ran for four series.

Acting credits include playing a grungy teenager in a Christmas special of Father Ted.

Byrne's tour takes in three dates in the West Midlands, beginning with Dudley Concert Hall on October 13, 01384 812812; The Symphony Hall, Birmingham, follows on October 25, call 0121 345 0600; ahead of a gig at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall on February 22, call 0870 320 7000.

Embracing 40 – Ed Byrne

Oh, what a show as an icon returns

POP star turned theatre star Marti Pellow plays revolutionary Che Guevara, the cynical narrator in the latest revival of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic musical Evita.

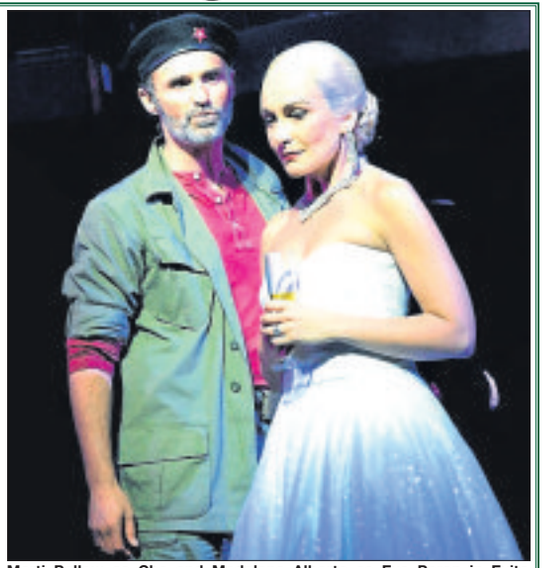
The former singer with 1980s hitmakers Wet Wet Wet is stepping into a role previously played by David Essex and, on film, by Antonio Banderas.

The show is staged at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday, August 19, to Saturday, August 31.

Playing Eva Peron, the iconic wife of 1940s and 50s Argentine dictator Juan Peron, the role that made Elaine Paige a star and played by Madonna on screen, is Portuguese singer and actress Madalena Alberto. Her previous stage roles include playing Edith Piaf and as Fantine in the 25th anniversary production of Les Miserables.

Pellow has had successes in the musicals Chess, Chicago, Blood Brothers and Jekyll & Hyde.

Evita's famous songs include Don't Cry For Me Argentia, Oh What A Circus, You Must Love Me and Another Suitcase in Another Hall. Call 01902 429212.



Marti Pellow as Che and Madalena Alberto as Eva Peron in Evita
Picture: Keith Pattison

Soul legend at Bilston venue

BEN E King, the soul legend whose biggest hit, Stand By Me, has become an American classic, is in concert at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Sunday, September 8.

And fans of soul music are in for a two-for-the-price-of-one treat as the 74-year-old singer will be joined by Jimmy James and the Vagabonds, one of the UK's favourite live bands in the 1960s.

The 72-year-old from Jamaica had hits with Red Red Wine in '68, also I'll Go Where Your Music Takes Me and Now Is The Time during the disco boom of the mid-1970s.

Meanwhile, former Drifters member King's other solo hits include Spanish Harlem, and he had previously sung on Drifters hits There Goes My Baby and Save The Last Dance For Me.

Contact the box office at the Mount Pleasant venue on 01902 401211.

Caro in rapid return to Brum

DUTCH pop star Caro Emerald's vintage style is in much demand, as is her jazzy brand of dance pop.

In fact, second album The Shocking Miss Emerald has been such a big success that she has two Birmingham concerts in the coming months.

Demand was so great for her gig at the Symphony Hall on September 16 that she's back to play the NIA on March 22.

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What's On!

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CHOICE

Keri Russell

The Americans
ITV, 9.50pm
If you want to make a hit American saga, you need at least one protagonist with a dark secret who's keeping their crimes under wraps. Like Dexter and Breaking Bad, that reliable formula has also worked a treat for this series. In the latest offering, Elizabeth (Keri Russell) is bent on revenge after learning of the assassination of a Soviet General whom she knew from her formative years as an agent. Phillip (Matthew Rhys) offers to help while taking a step forward in their separation. The question is: has their teamwork given the FBI a clue as to their identity?

BBC1

6.00 Athletics: World Championships. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.15** Athletics: World Championships.
6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.45 That Puppet Game Show. New series. Family entertainment show in which two celebrities, beginning with Jonathan Ross and Katherine Jenkins, compete in a number of challenges hosted by a group of puppets.
7.30 I Love My Country. Melanie C, Chelsee Healey, Jonnie Peacock, Christine Bleakley, Larry Lamb and Len Goodman demonstrate their knowledge of all things British.
8.20 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds. Includes the National Lottery results, presented by Matt Johnson.
9.10 Casualty. Part one of two. New nurse Rita is late for her first shift when she deals with an injured neighbour, while Jamie bonds with an asylum seeker too scared to reveal he is gay.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Newlyweds Dermot and Maria argue. (R)
10.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. Featuring Jason Manford, John Bishop, Sarah Millican and Mick Ferry. (R)
11.35 The Football League Show.
12.50 Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.30 Film:** China Sky. (1945) **7.45 Film:** Pot O' Gold. (1941) **9.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **9.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **10.30** Athletics: World Championships. **11.15** University Challenge. (R) **11.45** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.05 Film:** Carve Her Name with Pride. (1958) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **3.30** Wild China. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R)
6.00 Natural World – Sri Lanka: Elephant Island. Wildlife cameraman Martyn Colbeck travels to the diverse country to study its elephants, a subspecies of the Asian genus which have their own unique characteristics. (R)
7.00 Proms Extra 2013. Including a review of Mitsuko Uchida's performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.
7.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring tries to get equipment for the platoon. (R)
8.10 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy. The historian examines the Crown's rediscovery of the power of pageantry and ceremony and the revival of British music in the 19th and 20th centuries. Last in the series.
9.10 Top of the Lake. Robin suspects one of Tui's friends is stealing food for her and could be the baby's father, while Matt Mitcham sends a posse of hunters into the Bush to find his daughter.
10.10 QI XL. With Nina Conti, Sean Lock and Bill Bailey. (R)
10.55 Film: Hamlet 2. (2008) Comedy, with Steve Coogan.
12.20 Film: Tsotsi. (2005) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Saturday Farm. **12.20** Countrywise. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.45 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit. (1977) **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring performing tots and a countdown of five teenagers in pain. (R)
6.30 You've Been Framed! Featuring fun in the sun. (R)
7.00 Film: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. (2005) The teenage wizard is chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a dangerous magical tournament. Fantasy, starring Daniel Radcliffe.
9.50 The Americans. When a fellow KGB officer is assassinated, Elizabeth takes matters into her own hands and plots revenge on the CIA bureaucrat responsible for giving the kill order.
10.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.00 Film: Public Enemies. (2009) Fact-based crime drama, starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.
1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** VW Racing Cup. **7.10** The Grid. **7.40** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.10** The Morning Line. **9.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.10** Frasier. (R) **10.40** Frasier. (R) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.10 Come Dine with Me. Admin worker Jessica Carroll hosts the final party in Lincolnshire. Despite a lack of culinary knowledge, she hopes her Chinese meal and unusual pet will impress the guests. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud catches up with architectural designer Lincoln Miles and his wife, artist Lisa Traxler, who transformed a 1970s bungalow on the Isle of Wight. (R)
8.00 Film: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a machine hidden somewhere on Earth with the power to destroy planets. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox.
10.50 Film: Braveheart. (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.
2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal: Dealfest. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.50** Slugterra. **11.10** Inside Hollywood. **11.15** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.45** World's Busiest Train Station. (R) **1.45 Film:** Hell Boats. (1970) **3.40 Film:** Columbo: A Bird in the Hand. (1992) **5.30 Film:** Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost. (2011)
7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second day of the Fourth Test at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground, where the five-match series continued.
8.00 NCIS. The murder of a marine during a cruise is investigated by the agents, who discover the victim had turned his back on a life of privilege to join the military. (R)
8.55 NCIS. A Navy recruitment officer is murdered at a high school and the agents receive help from Ducky's predecessor in their search for the killer. (R)
9.50 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.
12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Premier League's Most Amazing Moments **9.00** The Urban Prom 2013 **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Nature's Microworlds **7.30** Eisteddfod 2013 with Sian Williams **8.00** Inside the Perfect Predator **9.00** Sebastian Bergman **10.30** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **11.30** Blondie: One Way or Another
ITV2
3.05 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.55 Film:** Step Up (2006) **7.00** You've Been Framed! **9.00 Film:** The Bourne Identity (2002) **11.20 Film:** Hannibal (2001)
ITV3
3.00 Film: Pride and Prejudice (2005) **5.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.45** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Wire in the Blood
ITV4
3.40 British Touring Car Championship **5.15** Live Pre-Season Football. Tottenham Hotspur v Espanyol (Kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the fixture at White Hart Lane, where Spurs play their final match before the start of the Premier League season. **7.50** World of Sport: Petrol Heads **8.05** Black Gold **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00 Film:** Natural Born Killers (1994)
E4
5.30 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00 Film:** He's Just Not That Into You (2009) **11.30** PhoneShop
Film4
2.55 Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) **5.15** Arrietty (2010) **7.10** (500) Days of Summer (2009) **9.00** Road to Perdition (2002) **11.15** Sorority Row (2009)

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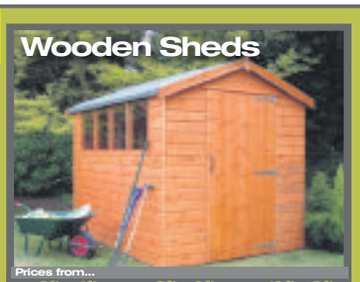

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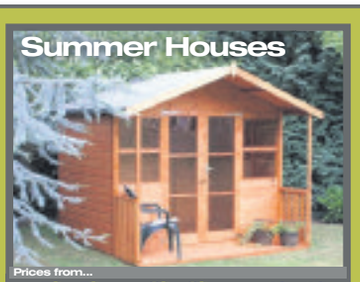

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CHOICE

Faye Marsay

The White Queen
BBC1, 9pm
It's a testament to this period drama that we're still gripped, even though you don't need to be an amateur historian to know what's going to happen to some of characters. So, we can all nod knowingly this week, as the new king is feeling a bit jumpy about his enemies. His way of dealing with the threat is to honour those he knows are loyal to him, but his wife has a different approach as she talks to Brackenbury in secret. Meanwhile, Elizabeth is so desperate for allies, she even accepts an offer of help from Margaret Beaufort, despite her daughter's warnings.

BBC1

6.00 Athletics: World Championships. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** The One Show: Best of Britain. (R) **12.40** Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Bargain Hunt. **2.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.55** Songs of Praise. **3.30** Athletics: World Championships.
7.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.30 Celebrity Mastermind. Famous faces take to the black chair in the specialist and general knowledge quiz. (R)
8.00 Countryfile. John Craven is in Northumberland, where he goes in search of the elusive white-beaked dolphin and visits a Bronze Age burial site. Tom Heap investigates GM technology.
9.00 The White Queen. Anne worries that Elizabeth is still a threat and plots to kill the princes in the tower, so the former queen is forced to accept Margaret Beaufort's offer of help.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner chats to Greg Davies, Ben Fogle and Janet Street-Porter about their pet hates, which include people who use suitcases on wheels, multichannel TV and friends' hobbies. (R)
11.05 That Puppet Game Show. Family entertainment show. (R)
11.45 Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace and Josh Duhamel.
1.15 Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.15 Film:** Angel on My Shoulder. (1946) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Coast. **12.10** EastEnders. **2.05 Film:** Hans Christian Andersen. (1952) **3.55** The Making of King Arthur. **4.55 Film:** First Knight. (1995)
7.00 The Battle for Malta. Historian James Holland analyses the Second World War battle for the strategically important Mediterranean island, which was under siege by Axis forces for more than two years. (R)
8.00 Dragons' Den. New series. Interior designer Kelly Hoppen and cloud-computing pioneer Piers Linney join Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden and Duncan Bannatyne to evaluate a series of business pitches.
9.00 The Hairy Bikers' Restoration Road Trip. New series. Si King and Dave Myers meet enthusiasts restoring machinery from the Industrial Revolution, beginning with a visit to Pleasley Colliery in Derbyshire.
10.00 Blackadder the Third. Edmund gets caught up in the French Revolution. (R)
10.30 Numb: Simon Amstell Live at the BBC. The comedian performs his stand-up show at the Television Centre.
11.30 Film: The Visitor. (2007) Drama, with Danai Gurira.
1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.40** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **12.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** The Community Shield Live. **4.15 Film:** The Mummy. (1999)
6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Coronation Street star Sue Cleaver (Eileen Grimshaw), This Morning's Matt Johnson and Olympic rowing gold medallist Anna Watkins take part in the quiz show. Ben Shephard hosts.
8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs. With Coronation Street's Jane Danson and former co-star Robert Beck, 1980s Doctor Who Colin Baker and his wife, and presenter Michaela Strachan with her partner. Last in the series.
9.00 Law & Order: UK. An elderly woman is found dead in her flat.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 The Community Shield Highlights. Manchester United v Wigan Athletic.
11.15 Perspectives: Hugh Laurie – Down by the River. (R)
12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.45** Motorsport UK. **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2013. **7.00** London Triathlon. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Deal or No Deal. **3.00 Film:** Bride Wars. (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. **4.45 Film:** Leap Year. (2010) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp and the team fill a family home with some sturdy and stylish pieces, and transform a couple's bedroom, complete with a bespoke dressing table – all for free. (R)
8.00 The Mill. Robert arranges to relocate Susannah after finding out who the father of her child is, while Lucy discovers her sister never returned to the workhouse.
9.00 Southcliffe. Claire struggles to accept her daughter's death, Paul tries to compensate for the bad husband and father he has been, and David's secret about Morton begins to take hold of him.
10.00 Film: The Number 23. (2007) Premiere. A man develops a deadly fixation with the number 23 after reading a novel with startling similarities to his own life. Thriller, starring Jim Carrey and Virginia Madsen.
12.00 Film: Vanilla Sky. (2001) **2.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.10** Secret Eaters. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal: Dealfest. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Castle Farm. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.40** Slugterra. **11.05** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.35** Big Brother. (R) **12.30** BB BOTS: Rylan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **1.30** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **2.30 Film:** An American Tail: Fievel Goes West. (1991) **4.00 Film:** Tinker Bell. (2008) **5.30 Film:** Open Season 2. (2008)
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia.
8.00 Once Upon a Time. Neal's fiancee Tamara reveals her true colours.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.
10.00 Film: Shoot 'Em Up. (2007) Action adventure, starring Clive Owen.
11.45 Film: The Detonator. (2006)
1.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Shoplife **8.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.15 Film:** Shanghai Noon (2000) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Badults **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Wonder of Weeds **8.00** Edinburgh Festival: A Review Show Special **9.00** Seven Ages of Starlight **10.30** Natural World: Polar Bears and Grizzlies – Bears on Top of the World **11.20** Alan Whicker's Journey of a Lifetime
ITV2
3.10 Film: What a Girl Wants (2003) **5.10 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **7.15 Film:** Johnny English (2003) **9.00 Film:** Troy (2004) Epic adventure, starring Brad Pitt.
ITV3
2.55 Lewis **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** Something's Gotta Give (2003) **11.40** A Touch of Frost
ITV4
3.55 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) **6.10 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union Sevens **9.00** Fraud Squad **10.00 Film:** Raging Bull (1980)
E4
3.30 How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00 Film:** 27 Dresses (2008). Romantic comedy, starring Katherine Heigl and James Marsden. **10.10** The Inbetweeners **10.40** Skins: Rise – Part Two **11.40** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23
Film4
3.10 The Towering Inferno (1974) **6.20** Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2010) **9.00** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** House of Flying Daggers (2004)

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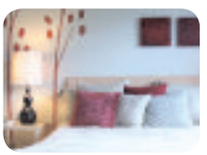

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
A Time to Remember, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A middle-aged single mother returns under a cloud to the family home for Thanksgiving, where she tries to heal the fractured relationship between herself and her estranged mother. However, any possible reconciliation is threatened by an unexpected and dramatic development. Drama, starring Dana Delany, Doris Roberts, Megan Gallagher and Louise Fletcher. (2003)

TUESDAY
Murder Among Friends, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A would-be actress resolves to prove her friend is innocent of murdering his own father for an inheritance. She enlists the aid of a washed-up private eye whose career has been destroyed by a lawsuit. Detective thriller, starring Greg Evigan. (2001)

WEDNESDAY
Class, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A wealthy law student has to complete a public service course to finish his degree, so he reluctantly accepts the task of representing a working-class single mother who is struggling to support her sick child. At first the lawyer and client distrust each other, but a close connection ultimately develops. Romantic drama, starring Jodi Lyn O'Keefe and Eric Roberts. (2010)

A Lot Like Love, BBC1, 11.35pm
Two bored travellers instantly bond, but their fledgling relationship suffers too many setbacks. They agree to split up, but their plans to separate are foiled by a series of unexpected reunions as fate repeatedly throws them back together. Romantic comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet and Aimee Garcia. (2005)

THURSDAY
Proof, BBC1, 11.35pm
A woman mourns the death of her father, a brilliant professor whose genius deteriorated as he succumbed to dementia. Afraid of sharing his fate, she shies away from human contact – until one of his former students uncovers an unknown mathematical theorem that will have ramifications for both their futures. Drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. (2005)

DOA: Dead or Alive, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

FRIDAY
DOA: Dead or Alive, ITV, 10.35pm
Three female martial arts experts – a jewel thief, a wrestler and a ninja princess – are invited to compete in a secret fighting tournament. But when the rivals realise the mastermind behind the tournament has sinister plans for them, they have to work together to survive. Action adventure, based on the videogame series of the same name, with Jaime Pressly, Devon Aoki and Holly Valance. (2006)

Pick of the Week

David hopes his new role is a class apart

When he's not swimming for charity, scoping out variety acts on Britain's Got Talent, or writing children's books, David Walliams is a brilliant comedy actor.

Despite the fact he's not done anything comedic on our screens for a while, his CV is crammed with classic moments, characters and catchphrases.

And Walliams makes a welcome return to our screens tonight, albeit without Little Britain sidekick Matt Lucas, disappointingly, in this new six-part sitcom.

Despite many of us stating our happiest and most amusing days were those we spent at school, the classroom has been a relatively untapped resource of material for comedy writers until recent years.

However, following the runaway success of The Inbetweeners and the promise of the Jack Whitehall vehicle Bad Education in recent years, the Beeb have commissioned another classroom comedy.

Just like the latter, Big School is set in and around a dysfunctional staff room, and also like Bad Education, there is a story of unrequited love between two the teachers at the centre.

Walliams explains: "I wanted to do something a bit like Remains Of The Day – the story of these two servants who were in love with each other but they can't quite express it.

"I was thinking what could be the modern take on that? I thought well a school's quite a good environment because you don't get any privacy at school.

"There's always corridors teaming with kids, staff rooms, dining rooms, whatever. So I thought that could be a rather good setting and I thought it's a universal experience that 99 per cent of us went to school, or have got kids at school."

Walliams plays 40-something Deputy Head of Chemistry Mr Church, who is about to resign from Greybridge following a particularly dramatic experiment with liquid nitrogen and 1000 ping pong balls. But the arrival of new French teacher Miss Postern changes his mind.

"They're quite suited to each other in some ways that you think well who else is going to have you," says Catherine Tate, who plays Miss Postern.

"The seed is planted at the beginning for Mr Church. He's quite taken with her and of course she's quite flattered that someone could go to such lengths.

"It's nice that throughout the series he makes quite grand gestures that of course all fall completely flat on their face. But everyone likes a grand gesture."

Although some of the characters may appear cliched, the top-notch cast makes the staff of Big School a bit more believable and funny than the aforementioned Bad Education.

One of these is Iothario PE teacher Mr Gunn (Philip Glenister) who makes no secret of wanting to "plough" the new member of staff, prompting Mr Church to take advice from a pupil on how to succeed with women in tonight's opening episode.

However, Mr Church's phone doesn't send picture messages, so he can't follow Manyou's first suggestion, so that just leaves the option of offering Miss Postern a lift home.

David Walliams stars in Big School, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
My Cyberstalking Hell: Liz McClarnon
Channel 5, 10pm
Liz McClarnon rose to fame in girl group Atomic Kitten, and she's enjoying the limelight a second time round since reuniting with her fellow bandmates for The Big Reunion. Of course we've seen her ever-smiley face pop up in TV presenting slots over the years as well, but this one-off programme tells of how often Liz's smile may have been painted on – because behind it all, she was suffering at the hands of a stalker. So after feeling so threatened for her safety, she's on a mission to raise awareness of how serious stalking can be. She trawls through some of the messages she received which ranged from cheeky, to threatening sexual assault, before she meets other people who have had similar experiences.

TUESDAY
On the Run
ITV, 9pm
The next hour of viewing isn't going to be the most light-hearted you've ever seen, but it's certainly interesting, and nothing like anything else on the box at the moment. The one-off documentary follows a manhunt trying to track down three wanted criminals – yep, they're on the run – so they can be brought to justice. Presented by Mark Williams-Thomas and Natasha Kaplinsky, we get a rare insight into how their undercover team trace and with the help of the police, apprehend those on the run from the law. Of these three wanted men, one is a sex offender, one a violent fugitive and the other a burglar and car thief, but surely they won't be running for long…

You're Killing My Son: The Mum Who Went on the Run
Channel 4, 9pm
In 2012, seven-year-old Neon Roberts was diagnosed with a brain tumour leading to doctors prescribing potentially life-saving radiotherapy treatment. Before they could go through with it, however, his mum, Sally, disappeared along with the boy – she felt that an alternative therapy was the best option and was willing to go to extreme lengths to do what she felt was in Neon's best interests. This documentary, shown as part of the Cutting Edge strand, tells the remarkable story of a family at odds with one another and the medical profession; of the courts that ruled against Sally and in favour of the treatment, and of the brave lad himself, who has had to endure no end of suffering due to his condition.

WEDNESDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
England and Scotland face each other in this friendly match at Wembley Stadium, as they lock horns for the first time since 1999, when they met at the old Wembley Stadium in the second leg of a Euro 2000 qualifying play-off. Although Scotland won 1-0 on that occasion it did not prove to be enough to prevent England claiming a place at the tournament, as Kevin Keegan's men had triumphed 2-0 in the first leg of the play-off four days earlier at Hampden Park. The hosts will enter this contest as favourites, but the Scots will be determined to impress once again after claiming a surprise 1-0 victory away to Croatia in a World Cup qualifier last time out.

I'm Spazticus
Channel 4, 10.50pm
Given how caught up with political correctness we are as a nation, there's every chance you've clocked the title of this hidden camera show and recoiled in horror. And that's fine – so long as you give the programme ten minutes of your time to prove you're right. Because, actually, this is an amusing take on a prank show that pokes fun at that idea of the politically correct. With so much hype surrounding the first series when it aired last year, those ratings can't be wrong. For the uninitiated, cameras follow the pranksters as they wind up members of the public in a unique and hilarious way. First up, unsuspecting celebrities are fooled into endorsing a bizarre new charity for amputees.

My Cyberstalking Hell: Liz McClarnon, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY
My Dwarf Family
ITV, 9pm
Roughly one in 25,000 children are born with achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism every year, and this programme delves into how it affects family life. Following three families who each have to deal with the effects of achondroplasia, it gives us an honest glimpse into life with the limiting condition. Gillian is a small mother who is keen to protect her small 13-year-old daughter from the issues she faced as a teenager. Meanwhile, Rebecca is hoping her dwarfism won't in any way jeopardise her chances of starting a family with Ben, an average height man. And Phil has a tough love approach to preparing his small son Paddy for secondary school.

FRIDAY
The Burrowers
BBC2, 9pm
You can always rely on Chris Packham to shine a spotlight on the nation's underappreciated wildlife. With this new three-part documentary series, he's going underground to investigate the lives of some of our subterranean mammals, including water voles, rabbits, badgers and moles. It's no mean feat, as the nature of their burrows, warrens, setts and dens means they're not exactly easy environments in which to film – so to combat the problem, Chris and the BBC's nature team use full-scale replicas of their habitats. Worthy of particular note is the world's largest man-made rabbit warren – it was made by pouring concrete into an abandoned warren, before returning months later to excavate it.

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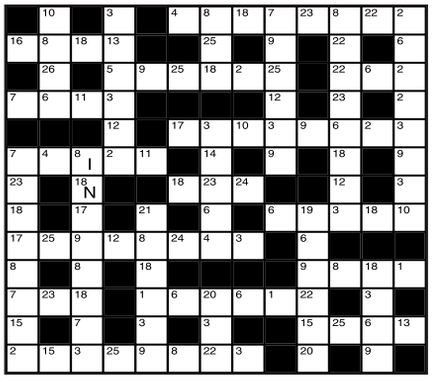
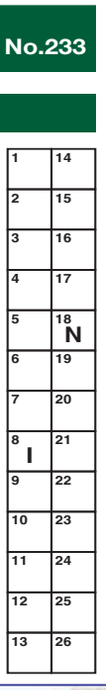
Brain Gym

No.233

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.





LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
W	Z	X	V	F	K	P	Q	Y	R	T	D	H
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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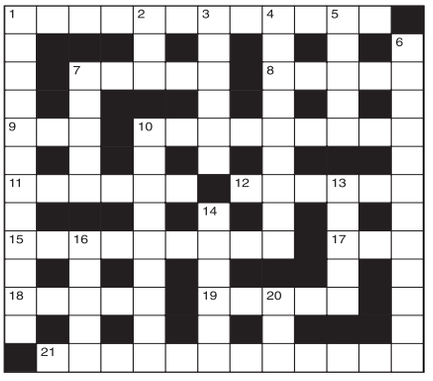
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Flawless defence, yet speedily broken (5,7)
7. Takes a girl out some fruit (5)
8. Post and ante, perhaps (5)
9. One is confused for a long time (3)
10. Emphatically not at home! (3,3,3)
11. Small village made famous by Shakespeare (6)
12. Put into a grave position, because of a wrong note to a doctor? (6)
15. It knows no customs (4,5)
17. I have a fifty-fifty arrangement? Well, no! (3)
18. Composer of large variations (5)
19. Verbal criticism of the show (5)
21. Don't try to improve on a perfectly good water supply? (3,4,5)

Down

1. He works at intervals (5-7)
2. When small I need it (3)
3. They're worth something as groups (6)
4. A sound quality (9)
5. Time to muse (5)
6. Induced to become religious? (3,2,7)
7. Study I'm making of fabric (5)
10. Knock down and defeat (9)
13. Describes a branch of the peace movement (5)
14. A gunsmith adds it to his stock (6)
16. Unusual glee about a good golf score (5)
20. By way of a Roman road (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Agitation (12)
7. Supple (5)
8. Eat way (5)
9. Arid (3)
10. Spin on tiptoe (9)
11. Fearful (6)
12. Specimen (6)
15. Depravity (9)
17. Age (3)
18. Conduct (5)
19. Hackneyed (5)
21. Break (12)

Down

1. Drawback (12)
2. On strike (3)
3. Verse (6)
4. Theorise (9)
5. Henhouse (5)
6. Loss of speed (12)
7. Stratum (5)
10. Prerogative (9)
13. Bit (5)
14. Inspection (6)
16. Rule (5)
20. Little devil (3)

Sudoku

	3	7					4	6
				3				5
4					8	9		
	5	6	8		4	2		
1					3			4
		9	6		5	7		
			3					1
8	9			6			2	
	1			4	7	5	9	

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	3	7	1	9	2	6	8	5
5	9	1	6	7	8	3	4	2
6	8	2	3	5	4	9	7	1
7	4	9	5	3	6	2	1	8
2	1	6	4	8	7	5	3	9
8	5	3	9	2	1	7	6	4
9	2	4	8	6	3	1	5	7
1	6	5	7	4	9	8	2	3
3	7	8	2	1	5	4	9	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Adipose; 8 Litter; 9 Astride; 10 Untold; 11 Ranker; 12 Hardware; 18 Massacre; 20 Butane; 21 Parrot; 22 Stamped; 23 Person; 24 Redress. Down: 1 Sleuths; 2 Stature; 3 Yellow; 5 Distress; 6 Poring; 7 Sadden; 13 Ammeter; 14 Actress; 15 Setting; 16 Bustle; 17 Hammer; 19 Seamen. QUICK - Across: 4 Attract; 8 Needed; 9 Missile; 10 Regard; 11 Indeed; 12 Stirring; 18 Optional;20 Propel; 21 Sprain; 22 Radiate; 23 Brogue; 24 Depends. Down: 1 Undress; 2 Penguin; 3 Terror; 5 Twilight; 6 Reside; 7 Caller; 13 Isolated; 14 Enlarge; 15 Slender; 16 Ornate; 17 Sprite; 19 Impart.

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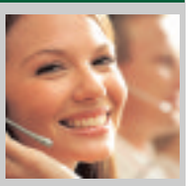

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Annexe would make leisure room or office

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Annexe

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WEDNESFIELD
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WEDNESFIELD
COLMAN AVENUE

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WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK
PARRY ROAD

• Immaculately mid terraced property • Popular Ashmore Park location • Two double bedrooms • D/glazing & gas c/heating • Through lounge/dining room • Refitted kitchen • Pretty enclosed rear garden • Ideal first time buy, No upward chain • Energy Rating 'E'

£104,500

FALLINGS PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON
CANNOCK ROAD

• Beautifully presented traditional style bay fronted semi detached property • Potential to extend (STPP) • Three bedrooms • UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating • Refitted first floor shower room • Beautiful enclosed rear garden • Garage & off road parking • Energy rating 'D'

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ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD
GORSE ROAD

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WOLVERHAMPTON
CANNOCK ROAD

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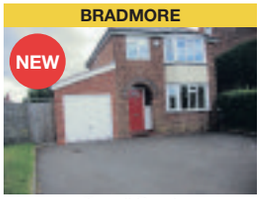

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OFFERS AROUND £449,950

CODSALL

● Very attractive detached residence of impressive double-fronted design conveniently located within yards of the railway station and short walk to village centre. ● Superbly appointed accommodation presented in immaculate order. ● Inspection essential to appreciate style and quality. ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. ● Spacious Lounge with marble fireplace. ● Separate Dining Room. ● Outstanding 20ft Conservatory. ● Contemporary-style Kitchen including range of integrated appliances plus Laundry. ● Three well proportioned Bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes. ● Bathroom and en-suite Shower Room. ● Gas-fired central heating. ● Double glazed windows. ● Garage plus generous forecourt parking facilities. ● Lovely landscaped gardens provide very pretty setting. (EPC D)

OFFERS AROUND £285,000

HILTON

● Excellent detached residence in mature wooded setting within village location midway between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth and well placed for access into Telford and West Midlands conurbations ● Surprisingly spacious accommodation, appointed to impressive standard and offering ideal family living space ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall ● Large Living Room ● Study ● Superbly equipped Breakfast Kitchen plus adjacent Dining Area ● 20ft Conservatory is outstanding feature ● 4 well proportioned Bedrooms ● Stylish Bathroom with both bath and separate shower cubicle ● Oil-fired CH ● DG windows ● Double-width Garage incorporating Laundry ● Generous forecourt parking facilities ● Attractively landscaped gardens with southerly aspect to wooded rear backdrop.(EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £254,950

COMPTON ROAD

● Distinctive detached residence occupying impressive plot in pleasant mature setting opposite Grammar School grounds and within one mile of city centre ● Particularly well proportioned accommodation, nicely maintained and neatly presented, good original specification now somewhat dated and offering scope for upgrading ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall ● Spacious Lounge ● Separate Dining Room ● 20ft Breakfast Kitchen ● Three double Bedrooms ● Bathroom including shower ● Gas-fired central heating ● Partial secondary glazing ● 26ft Garage incorporating Workshop ● Attractively landscaped gardens extending 100ft to rear. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £229,950

FINCHFIELD

● Traditional-style semi with added benefit of self-contained Annexe, favourably positioned in one of the city's most popular neighbourhoods with excellent local amenities ● Significantly improved accommodation of considerable versatility, generally well appointed with upgraded specification and scope to complete final detailing ● Bay-fronted Lounge with marble fireplace ● 27ft Living Room / Conservatory ● 17ft Breakfast Kitchen plus 15ft Utility ● Three Bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes ● Bathroom ● Ground floor Annexe comprising Living Room with Kitchenette and Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Driveway parking facility ● 120ft rear garden. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £224,950

WOMBOURNE

DEEPDALES ● Stylishly presented 3 Bed Detached with Conservatory superbly situated in favoured position on Poolhouse Farm estate convenient for local schools and the excellent village facilities ● Roomy layout ● Hall ● Elegant Lounge and Dining Area leading through to uPVC double glazed Conservatory ● Kitchen ● 3 Bedrooms, two with wardrobes ● Luxuriously refitted Bathroom with shower ● 31ft long Garage with subdivided Utility Area ● Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ● Lovely private rear garden. (EPC:TBC)

OFFERS AROUND £224,950

PENDEFORD

● Particularly attractive double-fronted detached residence enviably located in very pleasant cul-de-sac on the outskirts of popular development with convenient access to motorway network ● Individually styled accommodation offers excellent family-size layout with high standard of appointment, all presented in lovely order ● Spacious Lounge ● Separate Dining Room ● Additional Sitting Room / Study ● Superbly equipped Kitchen ● Laundry and fitted Cloakroom ● Four well proportioned Bedrooms (three with wardrobes) ● Bathroom and en-suite Shower Room ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Block-paved forecourt parking facilities ● Neatly landscaped south-facing garden (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £199,950

PENN

● Modern-style detached bungalow in particularly popular neighbourhood with good selection of local amenities and convenient direct access into city centre ● Neatly presented accommodation of comfortably proportioned layout ● Porch and Hall ● Living Room with feature fireplace and patio doors ● Well fitted Kitchen including integrated oven / hob / hood ● Verandah ● Two Bedrooms ● Shower Room ● Gas-fired central heating ● Majority double glazing ● Garage and forecourt parking ● Hard landscaped garden designed for low maintenance. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

PATTINGHAM

● Elegant modern-style semi-detached house enjoying particularly pleasant setting in small cul-de-sac with easy access to village centre amenities ● Nicely presented accommodation featuring excellent standard of appointment ● Porch and Hall ● Bow-windowed Lounge incorporating woodburner ● Separate Dining Room with patio doors to rear Conservatory ● Stylishly equipped Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms (two with built-in wardrobes) ● Smart white Bathroom including shower ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Garage plus driveway parking ● Neatly landscaped garden with westerly aspect. (EPC:C)

OFFERS AROUND £177,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

● Spacious Victorian semi-detached villa residence in pleasant setting close to West Park and with easy access into city centre ● Much original specification maintaining authentic period character but allied with modern appointments and offering scope for further potential to be exploited ● Two Living Rooms ● Superb 21ft Breakfast Kitchen with stylish fitments and informal dining area ● Laundry and fitted Cloakroom ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom ● Gas-fired central heating. ● Paved yard extending onto lawned garden with extensive feature timber-decked patio area. (EPC:E)

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COVEN £180,000

BROAD ACRES

● EPC awaited ● Semi-detached bungalow ● Viewing highly recommended ● End-plot with open countryside to rear ● Lounge with feature fireplace ● Modern kitchen ● Two conservatories ● Two bedrooms ● Contemporary style bathroom/Wc ● Garage & driveway & large garden.
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ROCHFORD GROVE

● Modern Style Detached Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Four Bedrooms ● Lounge & Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Guest Cloakroom / WC ● Family Bathroom With Seperate Shower ● Garage & Driveway & Carport ● Gardens To Front & Rear
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● Family Home ● Viewing Highly Recommended ● Fitted Kitchen ● Lounge / Dining Room ● Master Bedroom With En-Suite ● Two Further Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom / WC & Downstairs WC ● Study ● Off Road Parking & Gardens
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ROSNEATH CLOSE

● EPC Band C ● Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge ● Kitchen / Dining Room ● Conservatory & Guest WC ● Master Bedroom With En-Suite ● Two further Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom / WC ● Gardens & Allocated Parking
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LINLEY DRIVE

● EPC awaited ● Semi detached bungalow ● Viewing recommended ● Lounge/ dining room ● Fitted kitchen ● Two bedrooms ● Shower room/wet room/ Wc. ● Garage and driveway ● Rear garden ● Cul de sac location.
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GREAT BRIDGE ROAD

● Epc Awaited ● Traditional Semi Detached Home ● Viewing Highly Recommended ● Lounge ● Dining Room / Sitting Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Utility Room And Downstairs WC ● Three Double Bedrooms ● Bathroom / Wc ● Front And Rear Gardens
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LEA ROAD

● EPC rating to follow ● Traditional style terraced home ● Entrance porch ● Hallway ● Two reception rooms ● Kitchen and lean-to ● Two bedrooms ● Family bathroom/shower room/wc.
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● EPC Rating Is Grade D ● Semi Detached Home ● In Need Of Some Improvement ● Three Bedrooms ● Through Lounge / Dining Room ● Kitchen ● Bathroom / Wc ● Off Road Parking ● Front And Rear Gardens ● No Upward Chain
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ROUGH HILLS ROAD

● Semi Detached Property ● Two Bedrooms ● Lounge & Dining Room ● Kitchen ● First Floor Bathroom ● Double Glazing As Stated ● Gas Central Heating System ● Off Road Parking & Gardens ● Viewing Essential
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CLIFFORD STREET

● Epc Band E ● Traditional Terraced Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Two Reception Rooms ● Kitchen ● Bathroom / Wc ● Three Bedrooms ● Front And Rear Gardens ● Gas Fired Central Heating System ● No Upward Chain
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BRADLEY ROAD

● Epc Awaited ● Traditional Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge ● Contemporary Style Kitchen ● Downstairs WC ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Contemporary Bathroom/Shower Room/WC ● Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles ● Rear Garden.
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● Epc Band E ● Semi Detached House ● Viewing Highly Recommended ● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Contemporary Style Bathroom / Wc ● Bedroom With Walk In Wardrobe ● Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles ● Front And Rear Gardens ● Cul-de-sac Location.
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BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS 2

AMANDA AVENUE PENN PRICE: £330,000

- Five bedroom detached house
- Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified)
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Good sized kitchen
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Double detached garage
- Conservatory
- EPC RATING: D

BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS 2

BARN GREEN BRADMORE PRICE: £122,000

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom terrace house • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Living room • Kitchen • Driveway • Good sized rear garden • EPC RATING: D

HORDERN ROAD WHITMORE REANS PRICE: £90,000

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom end terraced house • In need of some updating • No upward chain • Gas fired central heating (where specified) • Living room • Breakfast kitchen • Enclosed rear garden and Driveway • EPC RATING: D

ROSEMARY CRESCENT WEST GOLDTHORN PARK PRICE: 149,950

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Traditional three bedroom semi-detached with NO UPWARD CHAIN• In need of modernisation • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Driveway / Garage • Good sized mature garden • EPC RATING: E

ALDERSLEY ROAD ALDERSLEY PRICE: £126,000.00

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi-detached house • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Fitted breakfast kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Good sized garden • EPC RATING: D

ST MARYS CLOSE SHARESHILL RENT: £650PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 2

• Two bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Living room • Fitted kitchen • Shower room • Garage • • EPC RATING: F

ALBION STREET CITY CENTRE RENT: £575PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 2

• Two bedroom First Floor Apartment • Unfurnished • Electric heating and double glazed windows • Fitted kitchen • Master bedroom with en-suite • Family bathroom • Allocated parking space • EPC RATING: C

GROSVENOR PARK PENN PRICE: £64,500

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

• One bedroom ground floor apartment (for the over 55s) • Living room • kitchen • Double bedroom with built in wardrobes • Bathroom • Garage • NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC RATING: C

POPLAR STREET BLAKENHALL PRICE: £90,000

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom Terraced House • NO UPWARD CHAIN • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) • Two reception rooms • Fitted kitchen • Utility • Newly fitted bathroom • EPC RATING: D

RICHES STREET NEWBRIDGE RENT: £395 PCM

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

• One bedroom ground floor flat • Furnished • Gas fired central heating • Lounge • Newly Fitted kitchen with appliances • Bathroom with shower • Double bedroom • EPC RATING: D

ROPER WALK DUDLEY RENT: £475PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

• Two bedroom First Floor Apartment • Part or Unfurnished • Living room • Fitted kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Allocated parking space • EPC RATING: C

CHEQUERFIELD DRIVE PENNFIELDS RENT: £495PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

• Two bedroom Ground Floor Flat • Unfurnished • Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows • Lounge • Newly fitted kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Garage • EPC RATING: C

MARKET SQUARE WOLVERHAMPTON RENT: £525PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 2

Two bedroom Second Floor apartment • Furnished • Electric heating and double glazed windows • Living room • Fitted kitchen with appliances • Bathroom • En-suite shower room • Allocated parking space • EPC RATING: C

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TWO BEDROOMS
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£349,950

EDNAM ROAD GOLDTHORN PARK

A particularly fine and very spacious Detached double fronted Bungalow of considerable charm and distinction, standing in large beautifully landscaped gardens extending to approximately one third of an acre. Commanding a wide frontage in this highly sought after area, the property offers: enclosed porch, dining hall, attractive lounge, uPVC double glazed conservatory, superbly fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, cloakroom with w.c., three double bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, garage, potential for extension (subject to PP). Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

£349,000

SPRINGHILL PARK LOWER PENN

A beautifully presented and superbly appointed extended Link Detached Family Residence of considerable attraction pleasantly situated in this highly sought after area. Reception hall, guests cloakroom, most attractive interconnecting lounge/dining area, extended well fitted breakfast kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom with separate shower cubicle, DG, CH, garage, landscaped gardens. Energy Rating: D

Offers £299,950

BUCKINGHAM ROAD PENN

An extended and beautifully presented Detached Residence, appointed and decorated to a high standard and enjoying a lovely setting in this much sought after road. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, superbly fitted dining kitchen, bedroom 4 with ensuite shower room, landing, three further bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, very private landscaped rear garden, Ample parking. Ideal for growing family or family with dependent relative. Early sale desired. Energy rating: E.

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DEWSBURY DRIVE PENN

An extended and particularly pleasing Detached Bungalow of much attraction holding a lovely setting overlooking open fields and far reaching views at the rear. Reception hall, attractive "L" shaped lounge/dining area, kitchen, enclosed side lobby, Two double bedrooms, shower room, inner hall, cloakroom with w.c., uPVC DG, CH, Garage, beautifully laid out rear garden. Awaiting EPC.

£215,000

FINCHFIELD LANE FINCHFIELD

A considerably extended and well appointed Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable attraction and charm enjoying a choice setting in this lovely tree lined road. Enclosed porch, hall, cloaks, shower room with w.c., lounge, separate dining room, superbly fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, Victorian styled uPVC double glazed conservatory, three good bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, loft room, CH, uPVC DG, garage, landscaped rear garden. Reasonable offers considered for early sale. Energy rating: D

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COALWAY ROAD MERRY HILL

Especially attractive and delightfully presented Semi Detached Family House of considerable charm well positioned for a wide range of local facilities. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, well fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., uPVC DG, CH, garage, beautifully laid out gardens. Energy rating: D

£159,995

MILTON BIRCHES BARN AVENUE

An Edwardian Detached Double Fronted House in need of some updating and refurbishment enjoying a pleasant secluded setting in this very popular neighbourhood. Enclosed porch, hall, through living room, through sitting room, kitchen, verandah/rear lobby, two double bedrooms, bathroom, gas CH, part secondary and double glazing, front and side gardens (there is a very small rear garden), garage. No upward chain. Energy rating: F

£159,950

TRYSULL ROAD MERRY HILL

An attractive Semi Detached Family House of traditional character and appeal enjoying a pleasant setting close to a wide range of local amenities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, extended kitchen, rear lobby/verandah, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, CH, ample parking, attractive rear garden. Energy rating: E

Offers £150,000

BARBEL DRIVE BENTLEY BRIDGE

A particularly pleasing and attractively styled Modern Family House of considerable appeal, well positioned on this popular development handy for Bentley Bridge's excellent shopping parade and Wednesfield Town Centre. Tile canopy porch, reception hall, guests cloakroom, attractive "L" shaped lounge/dining area, well fitted kitchen, principal bedroom with enuite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom, foregarden, drive affording parking space for two cars, rear garden, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

£142,500

WANDERERS AVE BLAKENHALL

A much extended semi detached family house enjoying a highly convenient setting close to a wide range of local amenities and within easy reach of the City Centre. Enclosed porch, hall, lounge, extended sitting room/dining room, Kitchen extension, shower room with w.c. first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., majority uPVC DG, CH, Garage and gardens. No upward chain. Awaiting EPC.

Offers £135,000

FOWLER STREET BLAKENHALL

An attractively styled Semi Detached Bungalow of much appeal, holding a very convenient situation close to a wide range of local amenities and well placed for the City Centre. "L" shaped hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, majority uPVC double glazing, CH, off road parking space, lawned rear garden. Energy Rating: D

Offers £107,500

POND GROVE PARKFIELDS

An End Town House in need of updating and redecoration but offering considerable scope for improvement holding a very convenient setting handy for the City Centre and the university. Canopy porch, hall, lounge, ":L" shaped dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

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An attractive Detached Family House pleasantly situated close to Perton's excellent shopping centre. Canopy Porch, Hall, cloakroom with w.c., Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Landing, Principal Bedroom having Ensuite Shower Room with w.c., Three further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, Double Width Garage. UNFURNISHED.

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DIPPONS LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD £375,000

Entrance hall with quarry tiled floor, good size sitting room with feature brick fireplace, dining area, two ground floor bedrooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, two first floor bedrooms - master en-suite, off street parking, integral garage and enclosed rear garden. EPC=E

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BROXWOOD PARK, TETTENHALL £375,000

Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, dining room, breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, utility, 4 bedrooms- master en-suite, family bathroom with jacuzzi bath, off street parking, double width garage with electric up and over door and well maintained rear garden. EPC=D

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CRANFORD ROAD - FINCHFIELD £299,950

Canopy porch, entrance hall, sitting room, playroom, extended fitted breakfast kitchen, inner hallway and shower room, separate utility, gallery style landing, 3 double bedrooms, family bathroom with separate shower cubicle, driveway, attached garage and a mature rear garden. EPC=D

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SPRINGHILL LANE, LOWER PENN £295,000

Reception hall, sitting room, dining room/ 3rd bedroom, farmhouse style kitchen, study, downstairs bathroom, two first floor double bedrooms- master en-suite, LPG central heating, stand alone large oak framed barn in chestnut clad with first floor hobby room/ office and landscaped gardens. EPC=F.

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LANE GREEN ROAD - CODSALL £205,000

Canopy porch, entrance hall, through living room, study, full length fitted kitchen, cloakroom, 2 first floor double bedrooms- master en-suite, family bathroom, crete print driveway with ample off street parking, integral garage and small private rear garden with decking area. EPC=C

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BISHOPS WOOD £175,000

Planning Permission has been granted for the conversion of the stable block into a residential dwelling.
Planning application reference 11/00588/COU dated 8 September 2011
South Staffordshire Council (01902 696000)

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BRADEN ROAD, PENN £165,000

Entrance hall dining room having original feature open fireplace, sitting room with feature fireplace with cast iron wood burner, fitted kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower, DG & GCH, off street parking, lovely mature outlook over the private rear garden.EPC=D

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2 Hartwood Crescent - £575,000

BREWOOD

Occupying a choice location on the outskirts of this delightful village and enjoying an exclusive cul de sac position with gated entrance this modern four bedroom detached residence has been constructed to a first class specification.
Reception Porch* Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Charming Dining Room * Good Size Living Room * Conservatory * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Utility * Double Width Garage * Landscaped Mature Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

Willow Cottage, High Green - £475,000

WIGHTWICK

Situated in a much sought after location and enjoying picturesque views over open aspect, this spacious detached family house has been extensively extended and restyled to provide extremely versatile family accommodation. Entrance hall with cloakroom * Charming Living Room * Dining Room * Sitting/ Study * Feature Open Plan Fitted Kitchen with Living Area * Breakfast Room & Utility * Downstairs Cloaks/ Shower Room * First Floor* Five Bedrooms with provision for Ensuite * Luxury Family Bathroom with Jacuzzi Bath * Garage * Carport * Mature Landscaped Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed*EPC Rating E

25 Sabrina Road - £475,000

TETTENHALL

Situated in one of the most sought after locations in Tettenhall and occupying a choice position being partly screened from the road this attractive detached property is an excellent example of a good size family house. Within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village this most desirable property further comprises:
Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Good Size Living Room * Double Glazed Conservatory * Separate Dining Room * Breakfast Kitchen * Utility * Double Width Garage * Four Bedrooms * Ensuite * Family Bathroom * Landscaped Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed * EPC Rating D

46a Wrottesley Road - £465,000

TETTENHALL

Modern detached three bedroom bungalow in a small select cul de sac within walking distance of Tettenhall Village, extended to create surprisingly spacious living accommodation the gas centrally heated and manly double glazed accommodation further comprises:
Entrance hall * Bathroom * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Breakfast Kitchen * Garage * Delightful Mature Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

7 Mancroft Gardens - £259,000

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position in this exclusive select cul de sac just off The Codsall Road, this impressive detached family residence has been restyled by the present owners to create a most attractive interior incorporating a host of quality fittings throughout. Within easy access of the city centre the gas centrally heated & mainly double glazed interior further comprises:
Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Choice of Two Reception Rooms * Breakfast Room * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units * Garage *Utility & WC * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Well Appointed Family Bathroom * Mature Landscaped Rear Garden * EPC Rating E

East Holme, Links Avenue - £329,000

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

Situated in probably one of the best locations in Perton and occupying a corner cul de sac position this spacious detached family house has been extended and restyled to provide a high standard of accommodation.
Reception Hall with Fitted Cloakroom * Charming Living Room * Separate Dining Room * Magnificent Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Utility * Sitting Room * Double Glazed Conservatory * Six Bedrooms* Master Ensuite * Family Bathroom * Double Width Garage * Landscaped Private Rear Garden * EPC Rating D * OPEN DAY SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2013 12:00PM - 2:00PM *

23 Goodrich Avenue, Perton - £320,000

PENN

Occupying a choice position in a small select cul de sac position off Mount Road and enjoying open aspect over allotments this attractive detached property is a superb example of its type being convenient for the city centre the gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed accommodation further comprises:
Entrance Hall * Living Room * Dining Room * Kitchen with matching suite of units and integrated appliances * Galleried Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

6 Rylands Drive - £189,000

FINCHFIELD

Five bedroom two storey semi detached Victorian residence in a favoured location and also having the benefit of a four car garage. Spacious and tastefully appointed accommodation includes
Reception Hall * Choice of Two Living Rooms * Separate Dining Room * Breakfast Room * Fitted Kitchen * Utility * First Floor * Four Bedrooms * Bathroom * Staircase to Second Floor Large Bedrooms/ Studio * Mature Private Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated * EPC Rating F

49 Richmond Road - £310,000

GOLDTHORN

Occupying a choice corner position in a popular residential area this distinctive semi-detached property has been thoughtfully extended and restyled to provide spacious and versatile living accommodation ideal as a family house. Convenient for the majority of amenities the accommodation further comprises:
Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Front Living Room * Sitting Room * Kitchen * Family/ Dining Room * Fitted Cloakroom * Landing * Bedroom With Ensuite * Bedroom With Cloakroom * Three Additional Bedrooms * Family Bathroom * Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden with Games/ Hobbies Room * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed * EPC Rating D

42 Elizabeth Avenue - £229,000

GOLDTHORN

Occupying a choice position in a popular location off Goldthorn Hill this deceptive semi-detached property has been thoughtfully restyled and refurbished to create a most attractive contemporary interior.
Reception Porch * Open Plan Family Room with Dining Area & Fitted Kitchen * Living Room * Galleried Landing * Three Bedrooms * Refitted Bathroom with spa bath * Enclosed Landscaped Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

8 Elizabeth Avenue - £185,000

HIGH GROVE - TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position on this exclusive retirement development this surprisingly spacious cottage style property has been designed to utilize the maximum space and provide a host of attractive features. An excellent example of its type and offered at a realistic price the well appointed interior includes:
Entrance Hall with Shower Room * Charming Good Size Living Room with Dining Area * Fitted Kitchen * Two Double Bedrooms * Bathroom * Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing * Private Enclosed Rear Garden

8 Highgrove - £179,950

TETTENHALL

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this traditional semi detached property has been constructed to a traditional design and is ideal for purchasers requiring a house to restyle to own requirements.
Double Glazed Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Choice of Two Living Rooms * Kitchen * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Garage * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed * EPC Rating D

45 Derwent Road - £155,000

BRADMORE

Occupying a corner position in a popular residential area this distinctive semi detached property has been improved upon by the present owner to create a most attractive family home.
Entrance Hall * Living Room with Dining Area * Double Glazed Conservatory * Fitted Kitchen * Garage * Cloakroom * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

3 Oxbarn Avenue - £139,950

STAR BUY IN TETTENHALL

Offering an excellent opportunity at this very realistic asking price this traditional semi detached occupies a choice corner potion in a popular location being convenient for the majority of amenities. Excellent potential to extend the gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed accommodation comprises:
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Motoring

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Suzuki set to fill a gap in market

By John Griffiths

SUZUKI has made its name as a maker of small cars and 4x4s, so it comes as a surprise that it's taken until now to combine the two.

But as traditional SUVs have grown larger and more expensive, there's a clear gap in the market for a car with all-weather ability that's cheaper to buy and run than many standard hatchbacks.

After all, by no means everyone who lives in the countryside is a millionaire, and for the environmentally conscious there are few greener alternatives, with fuel consumption averaging better than 50mpg.

So, enter the Suzuki Swift 4x4, based on the Japanese company's best-selling hatchback, which could be yours for a little over £12,600.

Kettle

Its main competitor is the Fiat Panda. Yes Suzuki still produces the Jimny but that's a different kettle of fish.

It's a more traditionally built 4x4, a sort of baby Vitara, but its accomplished off-road performance requires compromises which impact on its ride comfort and handling on the road. Not so the Swift 4x4: in fact from its appearance or driving experience you'd be hard pressed to spot any differences with the standard hatchback. Unless, that is, you pay an extra £1,000 for the top-of-the-range model with its special bodykit.

There are no levers or buttons to worry about. The four-wheel drive system is fully automatic with a viscous coupling proportionally directing power to the rear wheels when the front ones start to slip. The coupling is little bigger than a clenched fist: in fact the whole 4x4 system adds just 65kg to the car's weight. The result is little impact on performance, just 5mpg less and a 10g/km increase in CO2 emissions.

Both of the Suzuki Swift 4x4 models are powered by a 1.2-litre petrol engine producing 94PS

The test drives took place in North Wales, with 20 miles or so of steep inclines and dirt tracks through the Berwyn Mountains, where first and second gears were the order of the day. It was pleasantly surprising to find we had averaged 42mpg, so 50mpg should be entirely feasible in day-to-day use. Both 4x4 models are powered by the Swift range's 1.2-litre petrol engine, one of the most powerful in its class with 94PS on tap. With a 0 to 62mph time of 13.3 seconds it's a little slower off the mark than the standard hatchback. Yet it doesn't seem to struggle – its performance on the open road, and at motorway speeds, was something of a revelation with low noise levels and a civility which would be the envy of cars with much more power to spare. The extra 25mm ride height (to accommodate the 4x4 system and give those who venture off road a bit more ground clearance) doesn't seem to have affected the road holding or supple ride, either.

That's as it should be. This new Swift is not aimed at wannabe explorers, it's a car for those who need to drive come rain, sleet or snow and who want the extra traction and security of four-wheel drive at an affordable price.

Suzuki is dipping its toes into a new market sector so – for the time being at least – there isn't the option of a 4x4 with the Swift range's 1.3-litre diesel engine. But with the petrol engine's economy, lower price and the petrol/diesel price differential that's only likely to be an issue for higher mileage drivers.

Standards

The 4x4 comes in five-door, five seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades, the two best-equipped models in the Swift range. List prices are £13,819 and £15,739 but – at least until September – Suzuki has included the new car in its 'VAT free' offer.

That works out At £12,616 and £13,116 respectively.

The SZ3 is well-equipped by class/price standards with ABS and other electronic braking systems, plus an electronic stability programme helping the four-wheel drive to keep you safe.

Front, side and curtain airbags are also standard, along with convenience features such as electric windows, driver's seat and steering wheel multi-adjustment, electrically-heated and adjustable door mirrors, manual air conditioning, and a radio/CD player with remote controls on the steering wheel.

Step up to the SZ4 and you also get automatic air conditioning, automatic headlamps and a 4x4 body kit. The wheel arch extensions, side skirts and front and rear skid plates emphasise the fact you've got the 4x4 version, as well as offering some protection over uneven ground.

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Insurance advisors praise Volvo's safety programme

The Volvo City Safety system, fitted to more than one million Volvos worldwide, has been applauded for its ability to help drivers avoid low speed crashes.

The praise comes from Thatcham, which administers the Association of British Insurers group rating system for cars and commercials.

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Rigorous

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Thatcham has proven that City Safety reduces accident rates and relevant repair costs since its XC60 launch in 2008.

It also prevents expensive personal injury claims for whiplash caused by low speed rear end shunts, and rules out the need to provide a hire vehicle while a driver's car is in for repair.

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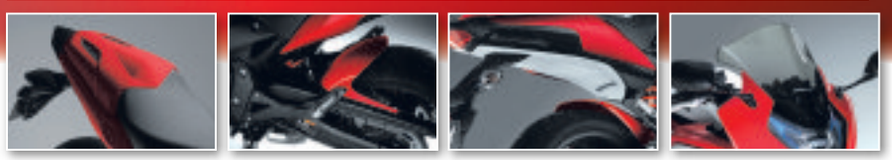

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The Fiat 500L MPW is the smallest seven-seater on the market

Inside, the 500L offers good versatility with its various seating layout options

On a good number with the Fiat 'magic'

By Matt Kimberley

THE Fiat 500 is a brand in its own right. Arguably in some ways the 500 badge transcends Fiat itself – and the Italian firm isn't daft: it's spreading that name around new models to capture some of the 500's verve.

Here's the next stage of the 500 family expansion: the 500L MPW. You have to wonder whether there were a few wayward translations on the road to naming it, but one of Fiat's names for it is the "Magic Power Wagon" (no, really). At least, once you've finished giggling, the kids will love going for a ride in a car that sounds as though it belongs in a Disney film.

Joking aside, the 500L MPW has an extra 20cm grafted onto the same chassis as the standard 500L, giving it enough boot space for two occasional-use rear seats. They don't come as standard but can be added for an extra £800 or so to create what Fiat calls a 5+2 layout.

The legroom in the two rearmost seats is tight and they're best reserved for the smallest children in the car. They also reduce the five-seater version's 560-litre boot space by 70 litres when folded flat.

With them raised the remaining luggage space is negligible, as with most seven-seat cars.

This is the smallest seven-seater you can buy at just 4.35 metres long and 1.78 metres wide (excluding the mirrors). Its high roof and shoulder line make it look bigger than it is, but you're certainly glad of the slimline dimensions when it comes to urban driving.

It's surprisingly nimble as you dash into side streets and to be honest it doesn't feel like a people-carrier at all ... until you fill it with screaming kids.

While the third row of seats is, well, cramped, there's much better news from the middle bench seat. There's acres of space for heads, shoulders, knees and toes, with a driver of more than six feet leaving plenty of room behind him even for adult legs.

The seats are unusually soft and comfortable in an age of increasingly firm padding, and – despite the rather odd-looking 'inscription' style upholstery graphics – the front five seats are very likeable.

Heavily

Similarly, the chunky steering wheel with 'squircle' design leather, and the solid ancillary stalks behind it. The clutch for this 1.6-litre diesel model is sprung just heavily enough to offer appropriate resistance but lightly enough to make low-speed ratio-shuffling a breeze for your left leg. The gear shift itself is notchy; more so than some rivals, and takes a slightly firmer and more committed push to locate a cog in the widely-spaced gate.

Any family car needs to be practical and the 500L MPW delivers in spades.

There are upper and lower glove boxes, and although the former's lid hinge mechanism is a little primitive, together they offer loads of storage space. On top of these two are shelves and bins of various shapes and sizes that would be fit for loose change, receipts and gadgets.

Not so practical on this higher-spec Lounge model is the fact that you can't see the cruise control stalk because it's behind the steering wheel. It's not difficult to use 'blind' but it does take a bit of trial and error.

This 104bhp 1.6-litre diesel engine is hardly a powerhouse, but it does offer useful punch from around 1,900rpm on the stylish rev counter up to about 3,200rpm. Given that it was almost brand new during the test you can expect it to loosen up a little at both ends of the rev range as the odometer spins on.

There's a more powerful 1.6 diesel, but it's best to avoid the low-powered 1.3, which really struggles to pull the MPW's mass.

The 500L MPW, silly names and small flaws aside, has an endearing quality about it.

It does a job and it feels cheerful, which makes it a relaxing and pleasant car in which to take the kids to school, parties or the beach.

Like the 500 hatchback it's highly customisable and handy touches like the movable boot floor, in-boot hooks, additional 12-volt charging sockets and large tailgate lip 'seat' make it a real-world star.

Bumper to bumper

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Date: 08 August 2013

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)
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Boss Clark feels Blue as Deeney hits winner

Blues 0 Watford 1

BIRMINGHAM boss Lee Clark admitted he was frustrated after Watford's 1-0 victory at St Andrew's.

Blues opened up the season with a defeat after former Walsall man Troy Deeney bagged the only goal of the game.

However, Clark felt a little hard done by. He said: "I don't think the players got what they deserved. The supporters have seen the energy, determination and desire in the group.

"The only difference was the quality goal by Deeney, from their point of view. It was a typical Watford goal – a great bit of movement and a terrific finish by Deeney."

Deeney demonstrated his lethal finishing when he notched Watford's 11th-minute winner.

The striker, who scored 20 goals last season for the beaten play-off final winners, played a silky one-two with Fernando Forestieri before guiding a low right-footed shot to the left of Darren Randolph into the far corner of the net.

Watford manager Gianfranco Zola was upbeat after three points were secured.

He said: "I am pleased with the win. It was a tough test to start the season. This is why I am pleased."

Skimmers give edge in open event

ROACH and skimmers gave Alan Jordan (Bilston AC) the edge at Wolverhampton AA's Wednesday Evening Open on the Shropshire Union Canal at Brewood.

Jordan weighed in 9-14-0 from peg one and a similar net for 8-15-12 on the next peg saw Mel Wood (Four Ashes AC) second while Bob Edgerton (Goodyear AC) made third with 5-13-7.

On Saturday, Wolverhampton AA match secretary Arthur Shaw trounced the opposition at the Rough Hay AC Club encounter staged on the Cross Keys section of the Staffs & Worcs Canal at Penkridge.

Pole-fishing caster on peg two, Shaw topped the board with a fine 18-12-0 net of bream to 3½lb plus bits.

A brace of bream aided Barry Sherrard into second with 9-1-0 off peg one and Cliff Archbold's mixed net of 6-15-0 saw him third.

Two fish gave Pete Hatton (Dudley Bait & Tackle) the advantage at Sunday's Stirrup Cup Open on the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal around Curdworth.

Pole-fishing caster on peg 64, Hatton netted bream to 1lb alongside roach and perch for a 9-15-0 top weight.

On peg 49, Stirrup Cup's Derek Hicklin came second with a trio of skimmers plus a brace of bream and little roach for 7-13-12.

Team mate Tony Parkes secured third spot with a net of 5-12-0.

Best to come says Olsson

ALBION defender Jonas Olsson says his best years are ahead of him as he prepares for the challenge from new-boy Diego Lugano.

Uruguay captain Lugano has become the Baggies' second new face of the summer and is set to push Olsson and Gareth McAuley for places at centre-back. But Olsson said:"I have my best years in front of me."

Don't panic! Ricketts tells Wolves fans

Captain Sam Ricketts

CAPTAIN Sam Ricketts says Wolves fans need not hit the panic button over the lack of signings.

Some supporters have expressed concern at Ricketts being the only capture of the summer so far.

Eleven players – albeit mostly fringe squad members – have departed since May plus a further four loanees, while the big earners remain apart from Karl Henry.

But Ricketts is happy at the quality already in the dressing room and believes head coach Kenny Jackett will pounce should the opportunity arise.

"There's a good mix here of young

Wolves

lads who have played and others who have been out on loan," said the former Bolton full-back.

"Everyone is eager to prove themselves and they've definitely got what's needed.

"But no doubt the club will want to add quality to the squad as and when players become available."

Ricketts also stressed the need for patience after Wolves missed out on several targets to Championship clubs, including Luke Murphy, Jeremy Helan and Shane Ferguson.

"I don't know if you'd call them Championship players the club is going after – they're just going after good players," he said.

"Good players attract all sorts of interest – look at the lad at Crewe, Luke Murphy, he wasn't a Championship player at the time but there were other people interested in him.

"The club is trying to strengthen the squad – but not trying to sign players for the sake of it.

"They're looking for good players who can improve things and those will always attract interest from elsewhere." Ricketts sees promotion from League One as the main target for Wolves this season. "My target is probably the same as the team – promotion, and I think we've got a good chance," he said.

"I'd like to win League One.

"Then we can take it from there."

And the 31-year-old reassured fans the days of under-achievement are over.

"The way the gaffer sets the team up I think you'll see a fully-committed team which will fight to the end of every game whether we're winning, drawing or losing," he insisted. Fans can be assured we'll put everything we have into every game.

Rover and out for the first visitors to Banks's

FIRST days back don't get much better than this. Three goals, the first after less than two minutes, three points and most importantly a performance which hinted any pre-season optimism at the Banks's does not look misplaced.

Even the sun shone.Dean Smith's side were given the run-around by Villa less than 72 hours before the start of their League One campaign but the Saddlers were the tormentors here.

Saddlers 3 Tranmere 1

Tranmere simply couldn't find a solution to Walsall's powerful forward play.

The big question heading into the campaign was how the Saddlers would cope with the loss of three key forward players in Jamie Paterson, Will Grigg and Febian Brandy.

On this evidence, they will cope just fine and, what is more, their replacements may have been at the Banks's the whole time.

While much of the focus will fall on to the performance of Craig Westcarr and Milan Lalkovic, the brilliance of Ashley Hemmings was something to admire.

Oozed

The former Wolves man showed he has the ability to fill Paterson's boots with a non-stop showing which oozed class.

With James Baxendale on the other flank, Walsall stretched Rovers to breaking point at times, while Westcarr put in a superb display to bag two goals.

He also set up his strike partner, a summer arrival on loan from Chelsea, for his first senior goal.

Smith even had the opportunity to give Romaine Sawyers game - time with the match won and he too looked impressive in his cameo. Tougher tests and far less brighter days than these will, of course, await.

Owain fon Williams could do nothing about the opening goal which arrived inside two minutes.

Hemmings won a corner on the left and while Andy Butler couldn't make much of his header from Baxendale's delivery, the ball ran to Adam Chambers who swept it back into the danger zone for Westcarr to finish.

Williams stood no chance as Lalkovic's effort from the edge of the box increased the Saddlers lead.

James Chambers' foul on Evan Horwood on the edge of the box was duly punished by Andy Robinson, who fired a pinpoint curling shot beyond Richard O'Donnell and into the net.

Compared to the first half, the second period appeared to begin at a snail's pace .

In the end it needed the move of the game to regain momentum and put the result beyond doubt.

Westcarr raced into the Tranmere half before exchanging passes with Lalkovic, sending through an excellent dinked ball for his strike partner to finish.

Fans for your magnificent support, says boss

The Wolves team pose as part of the Football League's 125th anniversary celebrations ahead of their opening League One game against Preston North End. Back row, from left: Matt Doherty, Danny Batth, Carl Ikeme, Richard Stearman, Bjorn Sigurdarson. Front row, from left: Bakary Sako, Leigh Griffiths, David Davis, Sam Ricketts, Dave Edwards, Lee Evans

HEAD coach Kenny Jackett and captain Sam Ricketts led the applause for Wolves' "magnificent" away following at Preston.

A sell-out allocation of 5,000 visiting fans filled The Kop at Deepdale to watch the opening-day 0-0 draw.

It was Wolves' biggest travelling contingent since 5,800 converged on Barnsley to see the team clinch promotion to the Premier League in April 2009. Jackett said: "The backing was excellent and both myself and the players were very appreciative of the numbers and the backing they gave us.

"It was a massive boost – they got behind us right the way to the end.

"It's a new start for us and it was a point that we start with."

Ricketts added: "The support was magnificent, filling out that end and the noise they made was a real boost – they were so vocal and supportive."

Several of the squad threw their commemorative T-shirts marking the Football League's 125th anniversary into the crowd during the warm-up.

And former Swansea, Hull and Bolton defender Ricketts believes there is already a strong bond developing between the players and the supporters again.

Meanwhile, boss Jackett is convinced there is much more to come after his players earned a point.

Wages a drain, but door still open for Doyle

Striker Kevin Doyle

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has admitted that the club cannot afford to keep Kevin Doyle – as he removed Tongo Doumbia and Georg Margreitter from his team plans.

The Molineux head coach admitted the Ireland international's estimated £40,000-a-week wages were too much of a drain on resources with the club in League One.

Wolves are understood to have told Celtic, who are long-term admirers of the 29-year-old striker, that they want £2m for their one-time club record £6.5m buy.

But Jackett's first public admission that the club needs to shed the huge salary of Doyle – one of the few to sign a deal that it's understood did not include a relegation clause – is a sign that the club wants a quick deal.

"In terms of Kevin, his wages are too high for League One for where we are," said Jackett.

Interest

"That's common knowledge and between now and the end of the window there will be interest in him."

Jackett banished Doyle, Tongo Doumbia and Georg Margreitter to train with outcasts Roger Johnson, Stephen Ward and Jamie O'Hara on Friday.

Doumbia and Margreitter have now been effectively told they are out of Jackett's plans.

"They're a bit further out, definitely, in terms of my plans," he said of the pair.

"The Under-21s had a game at Chasetown and those (six) guys weren't involved in any of those games, so they had to train separately because we're going into the games."

But Jackett refused to shut the door on Doyle in the short term after Richard Stearman, Dave Edwards and George Elokobi were injured in Saturday's opening match at Preston which ended in a 0-0 draw.

The three could be out of action for some time and were certain to miss the Morecambe cup clash.

"He's not match-fit but with the injuries we picked up, it will be an interesting one in terms of him coming on and being able to contribute," he said.

"He's not somebody I'm necessarily going to close the door on, if he's right, available and the team needs him.

"But I haven't been planning with him because I was thinking he would go," added Jackett.

New chief Mullings is looking for quality

Trevor Mullings

WOLVES Women have a new manager following the resignation of James Astle.

The squad have appointed former reserves manager Trevor Mullings as boss of the first team, ***writes Matthew Sacco***.

Mullings said he is looking to add quality to the women's side.

"I saw a few games last season, and the players that I have inherited have their own qualities and are talented. There is still work to be done, and I'm always on the look out to add quality to the squad."

"You can expect to see more of a passing game, more attacking, with the ball played on the floor, but with the understanding of when to play direct. I want the players to be unafraid and show the willingness to try different things in the appropriate area of the pitch, to express themselves which in turn will bring self belief."

He added: "I would like our teams to play a short passing game but know when to play the ball long and try to hit teams on a quick counter attack, however, we must not over play."

"I am really looking forward to working with this group of players and staff, and above all to enjoy my time here and be successful." Wolves Women start their season on August 25 away to Derby County LFC

Selmes and Palmer at the double

Leicester City Women 1 Wolves Women 5

WOLVES Women impressed in a 5-1 friendly win away at Leicester City Women on a wet and windy Sunday afternoon.

New manager Trevor Mullings was trying out several youngsters, as well as putting into practice some of the set pieces they'd been working on in training.

Leicester were first on the scoresheet, despatching a penalty in the eighth minute. Just seven minutes later though, Dani Selmes equalised, side-footing into the net after a pass from Becky Hall.

Reserve team graduate Lauren Williams was next on the scoresheet in the 38th minute, with a side-foot volley from a corner.

Winger Jamilla Palmer scored the next two goals, but there was still one more goal to come as Selmes was brought down in the area in front of an open goal in the 78th minute. She got straight up to score the penalty and make it 5-1in a dominant performance.

Manager Trevor Mullings said: "I'm really pleased. The young players didn't look out of place.

"It's early days but I'm pleased so far."

Sunday, August 11 will see another tough test as Wolves entertain Southern Division side Lewes in another friendly at Castlecroft Stadium at 2pm.

Sporting event has Big Merv as a guest

Tales from The Bratch

BEACON held on for a losing draw in the Staffs Club Premier Division after Wednesbury had racked up 288-3 in just 36 overs.

Beacon closed on 105-6, South African James Baikoff unbeaten on 45.

Beacon's second XI continued their impressive campaign with a three-wicket success at Wednesbury, who were dismissed for 167.

Ollie Green plundered 79 in reply and skipper Martin Smith chipped in with 33.

An under-strength third XI suffered a comprehensive defeat at Hammerwich.

Nigel Prestridge hit 24 as Beacon fell for 109 with Hammerwich easing home for the loss of two wickets.

Beacon stage their annual sportsman's dinner on Thursday, September 21, with Australian fast bowling legend Merv Hughes the guest speaker at Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, alongside comic Josh Stone.

Tickets are £40,including three-course meal. Call Nick Elwell on 07800 849622.

Griffiths in new deal at Molineux

LEIGH GRIFFITHS has given Wolves a huge boost by signing a new two-year contract at Molineux.

The Scotland international striker has put pen to paper on an improved deal, with an option of a third.

And with Brierley Hill's Danny Batth also ready to sign a new contract, Wolves are sending out a positive message.

Head coach Kenny Jackett said: "Following on from a very successful loan spell in the Scottish Premier League with Hibernian, Leigh has come back and had an impressive pre-season.

"I am very pleased that he has signed a new contract committing his future to the club.

"We hope that he can now continue his good goalscoring form heading into the season."

Griffiths added: "I am delighted to have signed the new deal. The gaffer has been great with me from day one."

Odemwingie foreign switch ruled out

Peter Odemwingie

Albion

ALBION striker Peter Odemwingie has ruled out a move abroad and is ready to stay at The Hawthorns if he cannot seal a Premier League move.

Albion have rejected three bids from the Premier League and the Nigeria international will resist any transfer out of the top flight despite continued interest from Dubai-based club Al Nasr.

He is ready to leave the Baggies but the Hawthorns hierarchy have turned down three bids of around £1.5m plus add-ons from English top-flight clubs including West Ham and Fulham. Al Nasr have revived their interest in the 32-year-old and held fresh talks with the Baggies in recent days, although reports of an increased bid of £1.5m from the Middle East outfit are premature.

They previously had an £850,000 offer rejected out of hand.

However, Odemwingie will fight any attempt by the Baggies to offload him to a foreign club or a Championship side and is intent on staying in the English top flight.

That leaves Baggies bosses with four weeks to agree a deal with a Premier League club before the transfer window closes or be left with the prospect of the forward – who has been frozen out of the first team picture since the start of pre-season – remaining on their wage bill.

Odemwingie has been in open dispute with the Baggies since submitting a transfer request in January.

Albion have taken a strong squad to Cork on a pre-season tour, with defenders Jonas Olsson and Gabriel Tamas the only notable absentees in the party that flew from Birmingham on Tuesday.

New signing Diego Lugano was among the travelling party, while winger Kemar Roofe is the only youngster in the squad.

Meanwhile, Albion remain in discussions over deal to bring Manchester City winger Scott Sinclair to The Hawthorns on loan.

The Baggies are optimistic a deal can be done before the start of the Premier League season but they believe negotiations still have some way to run.

Woffinden is pipped to glory by ex-Wolves rider

TAI WOFFINDEN admitted a moment of uncertainty cost him glory in Saturday's Italian Grand Prix, *writes Nigel Pearson.*

The Wolverhampton man romped to a stunning 18-point haul and finished top scorer in the Terenzano event but missed out on the overall victory to King's Lynn man Niels Kristian Iversen in the final.

Woffinden was able to close the gap on championship leader Emil Sayfutdinov to just five points with four rounds to go – and admitted he was trying to see off the Russian in the final which allowed Iversen the outside run.

He said: "I was thinking I should perhaps go to the outside because I knew it was working well but I also knew Emil was on the inside line.

"I said before the start of the meeting that I need to score as many points as I can and try and catch Emil up and apply some pressure.

Season

"I've done that and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season now.

"I've been working very hard for the last week and a half and it's going to get even harder from now on."

I feel like I've found a bit of form this week and hopefully I can take that into my league racing.

"Congratulations to Niels. This is his first Grand Prix win and I know how that feels – it's a pretty good feeling."

Having taken two second places in his opening two rides, Woffinden reeled off three consecutive race wins to top the scorechart

Speedway

heading into the semi-finals, before comfortably taking the chequered flag to secure his Grand Final spot.

But former Wolves rider Iversen had the last word with a spectacular move after suffering an exclusion earlier in the meeting.

Meanwhile, Wolverhampton skipper Freddie Lindgren suffered another frustrating evening as he continues to recover from his arm injury suffered in Copenhagen six weeks ago.

The Swedish star missed out on the semi-finals on six points, leaving him in desperate need of a strong end to the season to make the top eight and book his spot in the 2014 GP Series.

Italian Grand Prix results: Niels-Kristian Iversen 13 points (1st), Tai Woffinden 18 (2nd), Emil Sayfutdinov 10 (3rd), Matej Zagar 14 (4th), Jaroslaw Hampel 13, Nicki Pedersen 12, Darcy Ward 11, Leon Madsen 8, Tomasz Gollob 6, Antonio Lindback 6, Freddie Lindgren 6, Greg Hancock 5, Krzysztof Kasprzak 5, Martin Vaculik 5, Ales Dryml 4, Nicolas Covatti 2, Nicolas Vicentin 0.

FIM World Championship standings: 1 Emil Sayfutdinov (Rus) 107; 2 Tai Woffinden (GB) 102; 3 Jarek Hampel (Pol) 85; 4 Nicki Pedersen (Den) 83; 10 Freddie Lindgren (Swe) 61.

Legend Flowers handed anniversary plaque

WOLVES legend Ron Flowers was back on the pitch in front of the gold and black fans on Saturday – receiving another honour for his beloved club.

World Cup winner Flowers, who won three League championships and the FA Cup during a glittering 15-year career at Molineux, was at Preston on Saturday to receive the specially-commissioned blue plaque from the Football League as part of its 125th anniversary, on behalf of the club.

As two of the 12 founder members of the world's first original league in 1888, both clubs were presented with the plaques before the game, which ended in goalless. There was also a special 125th anniversary ball used for the game.

Pride

The plaque presented to Wolves is now set to take pride of place in the club's museum in the Stan Cullis Stand at Molineux.

Similar mementoes were also presented to clubs in a series of specially-arranged fixtures involving founder League members over the opening weekend of the League season.

They were Burnley v Bolton and Derby v Blackburn in the Championship – both ended in 1-1 draws.

In League One, Notts County played at the oldest League ground still in use, Sheffield United, which ended in a 2-1 win for the Blades, and in League Two, Accrington faced the League's newest club, Newport County, who won 4-1. Also in League Two, Rochdale hosted Hartlepool, the League's most-played fixture.

The other founder members are Premier League teams Albion, Villa, Stoke and Everton.

Ron Flowers gets the plaque from Football League chairman Greg Clarke

A Football League 125th anniversary ball in the Wolves dressing room

Friendly is played to backdrop of lightning

Chasetown 0 Wolves XI 0

TO a backdrop of lightning, the Scholars and Wolves played out a draw which either side could easily have won, ***writes Paul Mullins.***

Scholars' Lee Butler had the best early chance with a dipping drive that only just cleared Aaron McCarey's crossbar.

Neither goalkeeper was really tested until the closing minute of the first half when Ryan Price produced a top class save to deny Wolves' Jordan Cranston after he set up the chance himself with close control.

Chasetown substitute Andy Westwood was lively after the break and was a whisker wide from a tight angle.

Wolves hit the woodwork when Tesfa Robinson's attempted clearance off the line struck the post and bounced to safety. Then, Sam Whittall had a free header six yards out but could only loop it onto the roof of Price's net.

Paul Sullivan went closer to a winner with a free-kick that rattled the crossbar.

Chasetown: Price, Slater, Keenan, Beckett, Tesfa Robinson, Teesdale, Butler (Westwood), Bragoli, Wellecomme (Hay), Smith (Sullivan), Theo Robinson. **Subs not used:** Forde, Millington, Taylor, Watson

Wolves: McCarey, Kostrna, Reckord, Whittall, Tank, Ihiekwe, Baceissi, Jakobsson, Moli, Condi, Cranston. **Subs:** Kellerman, Flatt, Urquart, Keita, Matinyadze.

Bucks edge out Albion at the death

Telford 2 Albion XI 1

ALBION'S young guns faded after the break and were eventually beaten by a goal in stoppage time after initially leading at non-league AFC Telford, ***writes Craig Birch.***

The fledgling Baggies missed the presence of Adil Nabi, who went off injured after 12 minutes, but they went ahead through a Jones penalty and were only beaten in the last seconds.

However, substitute Jake Bennett's winner didn't reflect the dominance the home side had over the young Baggies after the break.

Telford had equalised when a battle between Phenix and Albion defender Bradley Garmston's ended up with Phenix pushing the ball goalwards. Farrell forced it over Rose and into the net.

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Debutant confident of more to come

DEBUTANT Lee Evans insists there is plenty more to come from Wolves after Saturday's goalless draw at Preston.

The 19-year-old midfielder produced an accomplished display on his first senior appearance for the club following his £200,000 move from Newport County in January.

Just two of the players who started the last game of the season at Brighton made lined up at the weekend – right-back Matt Doherty and winger Bakary Sako.

Evans believes Wolves will be much better when they gel together.

"We came away with a draw even though I don't think we played to our potential," said the Wales Under-21 international. "We played well in periods but I think we all know we've got another gear at least in us.

" It was pleasing to get a point and go away knowing we can still play better – there's definitely more to come."

On a personal level, Evans was pleased to make his bow.

"I really enjoyed my debut and was delighted to get the nod to start," he said. "It was a tough game and a lively game. It was also physical.

"Going to Preston on the opening day was always going to be difficult so we have to see it as a good point."

Fordhouses grab victory

Rushall 2nd XI 135
Fordhouses 136-8
Fordhouses win

FORDHOUSES came out the victors against a Rushall side that produced an under par batting performance.

Rushall won the toss and elected to bat, with Daz Stacy (28) and Arshad Mohammed (18), putting on 50 for the opening stand.

Apart from a good 28 by Dave Perry and a late dash by Jake Edwards, Rushall did not perform well with the bat, as they slumped to 135 all out.

Two early wickets for Dave Perry put the Fordhouses reply under some early pressure, but Reznik (32) and Whitehouse (28) managed to rebuild their innings.

When Fordhouses reached 73-2, they seemed to be cruising to an easy victory. Abu Siddique (34) and Scott Wickson (21) helped the win.

Keeper sees red, but Lawley brace seals it

Football

NEWLY-promoted AFC Wulfrunians made a winning start to life as a Midland Football Alliance club as a brace from new signing Brad Lawley helped them to a 2-1 victory against Heather St Johns.

The win came despite Wulfs having to play for almost an hour with 10 men after goalkeeper Danny Tipton was dismissed for handling the ball outside his penalty area.

Wulfs almost got off to the worst possible start as in the first minute Joe Price's cutback from the left was only half-cleared to Jimmy Slack and his shot from the edge of the area skimmed off the top of the crossbar.

After working their way into the game, Wulfs took the lead on 15 minutes when Scott Stevenson's low free kick into the area was missed by everyone in the middle and Lawley stooped to head home at the far post.

Exchanged

Wulfs almost extended their lead when Dave Howells exchanged passes with Craig Gregg before firing a 25-yard shot against the angle of the goal frame.

The game took a turn in the 34th minute when Tipton was sent off for denying a goalscoring opportunity. Nathan Jackson, making his debut for the club, had to take over between the posts but didn't have anything to do as Wulfs held their lead until half time.

Heather came out more determined in the second half and drew level within a minute of the restart when Price cut in from the right and fired a low right-foot drive into the bottom corner from the edge of the area.

The Wulfs defenders were protecting Jackson's goal superbly as the visitors were limited to shots from Price and Slack that both flew well wide of the target.

After soaking up a spell of pressure, it was Wulfs who grabbed the crucial next goal after the marauding Jake Webb had won a corner. Again Stevenson supplied the cross which wasn't properly dealt with, allowing Lawley to force the ball home from close range.

Resistance

Heather threw men forward in the final stages of the game but were met by stiff resistance from the back line of John Hill, Dave Asbury, Tom Griffin and Dave Howells, supplemented by Nathan Rose-Laing, and confident keeping from Jackson as Wulfs held on to a well-earned three points.

JACKETT TO SHUFFLE PACK AFTER INJURIES

IT'S not often the bubble of eve-of-season optimism is pricked on the opening day – especially when it is by an unwelcome spate of injuries.

But that was the case at Deepdale on Saturday as Wolves were left nursing three casualties that look like robbing them of the services of Richard Stearman, George Elokobi and Dave Edwards for the foreseeable future.

That the trio happen to be the most experienced players after captain Sam Ricketts suggests the onus is going to fall on the young guns even more heavily during what is already a demanding early period.

Preston NE 0
Wolves 0

It looks like testing the young squad to the limits, seemingly shattering head coach Kenny Jackett's plan for his new-look team to gel.

Jackett seems unlikely to turn to outcasts Roger Johnson, Jamie O'Hara and Stephen Ward, given he has ignored them all summer, and now banished them to train on their own.

Curse

Either way, Wolves will be hoping the return of the injury curse is not a sign of things to come.

Losing three players suggests a bruising encounter – and it was.

The new boss said in the pre-season build-up that League One may surprise fans in that there is more football played than in the division above. But this was more a reminder of the Championship with no quarter given in a highly competitive collision of two of the division's expected promotion contenders.

Veteran Preston striker Kevin Davies has made a career out of perfecting the darker arts of centre-forward play, and he left his mark on Stearman and Edwards with the challenges that forced both off.

Somehow escaping a booking, Davies also made his presence felt on Danny Batth, the man charged with marking the former England international, but at least the Brierley Hill-born stopper was able to stay on the pitch unscathed.

After failing to keep a clean sheet in pre-season, it was reassuring to see Wolves shut the opposition out, especially given the difficulties they endured on the day.

Batth played a full part in that achievement and was just shaded for the man of the match award by Ricketts playing against his former Bolton team-mate.

Wolves had the edge in the first half before Preston bossed the second. But even before the injuries, there was a feeling that Wolves need more quality before the transfer window shuts.

Already a team 'work in progress' stamped on it, the injuries appear to have left Jackett with little choice but to shuffle his pack just when he was looking for his new-look team to settle down.

And the jury is out as to whether the options are within the squad to cope.

Richard Stearman hobbles off at Deepdale

Dave Edwards down after a challenge from Kevin Davies

Leigh Griffiths of Wolves and Bailey Wright of Preston

Bakary Sako chased by Preston's Tom Clarke

Morgan is key for Lockmen

Wellington Am Res 1
Willenhall Town 3

A SOLID performance from Willenhall saw them comfortably past their hosts in a pre-season friendly, thanks to two-goal Jake Morgan.

The Lockmen broke the deadlock on 18 minutes.

Eddie Wilson saw one effort cleared before Steve Weladji swung the ball back in. Jamie Siviter headed goalwards and Morgan diverted the effort away from the keeper.

Morgan then struck the bar with a fierce shot as the Reds continued to dominate. Shots by Morgan and Jamel Fuller produced fine saves late in the first half.

It was the same after the break, but no more goals arrived until a late flurry. Substitute Tony Clift received the ball on the left, cut inside and let fly, and his effort rolled into the bottom corner.

Willenhall conceded on 87 minutes when a free-kick into the box saw a free header converted, but Morgan settled it on 90 minutes when a superb Andrew Dicken crossfield ball picked him out and he fired home.

Rider Racheal in hospital after fall

WOLVERHAMPTON jockey Racheal Kneller is recovering in hospital after fracturing two vertebrae in her back in a fall.

The 25-year-old, from Lower Penn, was injured when the horse she was riding at the Lambourn yard of her boss, trainer Mark Usher, slipped.

"I've fractured two vertebrae and I'll probably be in hospital until the end of the week," said Kneller, who has ridden 36 career winners, eight of them this season."

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